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Thu 1130	WRMI	9955 [canceled]
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Fri 2230	WRMI	5950 11580 [confirmed]
Fri 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Sat 0630	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1431	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio [not confirmed]
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sat 2230	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Sun 0310v	WA0RCR	1860-AM [confirmed from 0322]
Sun 1030	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5130v-AM Area 51 [confirmed]
Mon 0330	WRMI	9955 [confirmed on webcast]
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NOTE: I have *resolved* to make DXLD leaner, more selective, as I
seriously need to reduce my workload, much of which has been merely
editing gobs of material into presentable form. This makes it even
more important to be a member of the DXLD yg for additional material
which may not make it into weekly issues (gh)

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** AFGHANISTAN. 6100, 1600, Kabul in clear 21/3 after strong Chinese closes on 6105. Ident ìRadio Afghanistanî hrd at poor level 21/3 during Urdu talx. When I listened again on 23/3, Kabul was barely audible under (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

[non]. 6100, 1529-, Radio Afghanistan, Mar 25. Glenn Hauser mentioned that we might have a chance on the west coast for RA, but so far, nothing heard besides North Korea with pretty EZL piano music, and not the usually heard strident forced speech and patriotic music. Looking for any other carrier, but I'm not seeing anything else to 1532:30. KCBS, from Kanggye with 250 kW/ND is spot on frequency, with good modulation and about an S8 signal.

6100, 1530-, Radio Afghanistan, Mar 29. Thanks to Wolfgang Bueschel for pointing out that he only heard an open carrier today (as well as North Korea). That might explain why I never heard anything, despite a good chance from Masset. One last chance tomorrow morning to check for them before wrapping up this DXpedition and heading home to Victoria. On 30 March, I again checked at 1530. There were time pips heard, but that was all. I'm not sure whether this was from North Korea or not (as they are still present on the LSB). Otherwise, nothing heard. (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Summer A-17 of Radio Afghanistan, External Service effective from March 26:
1530-1730 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs English/Urdu/Arabic/Russian
In A-17 without QRM from China Radio International on 6095, 6100 & 6105 kHz
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot. bg/2017/03/reception-of-radio-afghanistan-external.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

Fair signal of Radio Afghanistan, External Service on March 31: 1530-1730 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs English/Urdu/Arabic/Russian:

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/fair-signal-of-radio-afghanistan.html

Good signal of R Afghanistan External Service Apr 5
1530-1730 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg SoAs English/Urdu/Arabic/Russian
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/good-signal-of-radio-afghanistan.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. 5200, 0446-, USCG Journaline, Mar 25. I had forgotten about these test broadcasts, but sure enough, there they were at powerful levels. 3 channels indicating: Channel 1: USCG Journaline at 11.5 kbps with a news service. Channel 2 with USCG AIS Data, and Channel 3 with Binary File Pool. The latter 2 indicated 'unsupported data application' on my DReaM software.

2450, 0500-, USCG, Mar 30. Found the USCG test DRM broadcast from Kodiak at this time. Not 100% copy, despite around 11 dB SNR (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See DX-PEDITIONS

** ALASKA. 9655, 1510-, KNLS, Mar 29. Checking the A17 schedule, I can confirm Russian is here at superb level, but nothing on listed 9920 in Chinese.

11765, 1403-, KNLS, Mar 26. First day of A17 and I can confirm KNLS in English at this hour. Fair to good, only, as the MUF is struggling to get this high, plus, RHC is much louder and splattering from 11760. Not a great choice for us in WCNA. Nothing from transmitter 2 in Chinese on listed 7355 (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Radio Tirana mediumwave transmitter Fllaka (1215, 1395, 1458 kHz 2 x 500 kW of 1967 year, Made in China) is still on air, even from today April 1, - no joke.

When checked at 0804 UT April 1st, noted a weak tiny morning signal of the Albanian foreign service program-3 in Greece, Italy and Steiermark Austria remote posts, on 1394.958 kHz, but signal looks like a 50 kW station power!? 73 wb (Wolfgang B˚schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sounds like also the evening transmission is still on the air on 1458 kHz at 1450 (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 1, mwdx yg via DXLD)

"Dear Anatoly, Due to the poor quality transmission of Radio Tirana in shortwaves, you can hear us on the internet in the following address: http.//rtsh.al/radio.tirana-3
Thank you for still being our listener. Best wishes, Clara Ruci, English section" (via Anatoly Klepov, Moscow, Russia, RusDX 2 April via DXLD)

Radio Tirana 3 Internet Schedule? Who is that woman? A female speaker in the Italian service of Radio Tirana during the Enver Hoxha era. Ne detaje, si me poshte:

Dear Mrs Drita Cico, Attached you will find a picture of a female speaker of the Italian service of Radio Tirana during the years of Enver Hoxha regime. It is extracted from a short video (produced by Sellechia Filmati?) which I found on Youtube at this address: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01xzAlIQ5Jw

She appears in the last seconds of the video and says: "Parla Tirana; amici ascoltatori, buona sera". Are you able to recognize this pretty woman? It would be very interesting to have an interview with her which would be included not only in my "DX Fanzine" but, most important, in an Italian daily newspaper (I am a free lance journalist, too!).

[reply later from Drita: Ne foto: Rozela (Rosela) Kondakci, 64 vj., Perkthyesja e Italishtes ne vitet 1970-80-1992. me Mama Italiane. Per sa me poshte, ajo nuk deshiron te kontaktoje, por e bija eshte e gatshme te ndihmoje, sepse eshte puna e kryer nje jete nga e jema e saj. Source: today, Laura Kule, Journalist/Translator Italian Program]

As you may be aware, Radio Tirana during 60s and 70s was well-known in Italy not only among shortwave enthusiasts but also a large number of extreme left wing militants! I hope you can help me!

PS: At what time the Italian programme is distributed via RTSH website? Yesterday I listened to Radio Tirana in German, Turkish, Greek, English and Serbian but not Italian! The English programme, on air at 2000 UT was abruptly interrupted after a few minutes and the interval signal was played until 2015 when the Serbian programme started (Antonello Napolitano, April 4, to and via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

Greetings from Taranto (South of Italy)! Dear Mrs Drita Cico, I have now the pleasure to send you DX FANZINE, Edition No. 43 - of March 2017. It contains a very detailed report I wrote about RTSH and Radio Tirana 25 years ago. The end of shortwave broadcasts from Albania was a very bad news to me. I listened to Radio Tirana for the first time when my age was around 13/14 years in the 70s. One day I switched my radio from FM to MW and I heard a female voice speaking in Italian which I never herad before in my life. With a big surprise that voice said a few minutes later it was coming from Tirana. As from that day I started listening Radio Tirana regularly, because it was coming from a very close (I live in Puglia the region of Italy in front of Albania) but mysterious country.

Even if the programmes were loaded with lot of propaganda by Enver Hoxha's regime I was interested in them. Since then, I have always been interested in Albania and followed events in your country. In 2005 I visited Saranda and Butrinto but my future plans includes a longer vacation with the aim of visitiong RTSH studios too (I work for a shipping agency but I am a free lance journalist, too!). Let me say that my shortwave hobby started (But I was not aware about this at that time!) just the first time I listened to Radio Tirana :-).
(Antonello Napolitano, Italy, via Drita «iÁo, Albania, DXLD)

"REPLAY": RADIO TIRANA THEN AND NOW
Originally written by Antonello Napolitano in November 1992

As many of our readers are aware, a few weeks ago Radio Tirana announced the end of its shortwave broadcasts. The reason was that they have outdated transmitters. Although the contents of its broadcasts were completely unrealistic, Radio Tirana was, until the end of 80ís, well known to most shortwave listeners.

In 1992 I wrote a very long and detailed report about Radio Tirana, which appeared in DX Fanzine no. 14, at that time an irregularly edited shortwave publication delivered by mail. A part of the content for this story was gleaned from monitoring research, as my home city Taranto, is located in Puglia, the region of Italy which stands in front of Albania. Both the home and external service of Radio Tirana, as well as some regional radio stations and the TV service from this close but (at that time) mysterious country, were an easy catch for me (Needless to say, Radio Tirana meant for me the start of shortwave hobby).

What leaves me surprised, 25 years after, is that in 1992 the option of suspending the external service, because of outdated means and equipment, was already on the table! The disappearance of Radio Tirana is just the last sign (and there will be others in the next future, Vatican Radio just to mention one) of how fast shortwave radio is declining. As some of our readers are too young to remember the role that Radio Tirana played during the golden era of shortwave broadcasting, I decided to re-publish, 25 years later, this in depth review of radio and TV in Albania.

I hope you will enjoy it. Feedbacks are welcome to:
tarantodx@hotmail.com
Antonello Napolitano, Editor of DX Fanzine.

INTRODUCTION

Albania has a population of over 3 million and an area of 28,748 square kilometres. It is divided into 26 districts and borders the

former Yugoslavia and Greece. The Albanian broadcasting structure is controlled by the Radio-Televisione Shqiptar (RTSH). In particular, this organization, which is state-run, operates a national TV network, two national radio programmes, Radio Tirana's external service and some regional stations. Since 1964 the RTSH headquarters is located in a building in the South East part of Tirana.

THE NATIONAL HOME SERVICES

The first Albanian national programme signs on at 0400 and runs till 2300 UT, It is carried mainly on medium wave and is easily heard in Italy on 1089 kHz. It has also been relayed on the shortwave frequencies of 5020 and 5057 kHz for some years. Both channels, which gave fine reception in Italy, are now inactive.

The second home service programme runs from 1000 to 1500 UT exclusively on 1458 kHz. As the name "Canali Idut Eksperimentalî (Channel Two Experimental) suggests, this programme is still experimental. According to this year's World Radio TV Handbook, there are 14 medium wave stations in Albania, most of which are located in some district capitals.

Some observations can be made about the transmitter usage of the national programme. First some transmitters are not always used for the full span of the programme. The main frequency of 1089 kHz, for instance, is on the air from 0400 to 0700 and again from 1100 to 2300 UT except for Sunday when it goes continuously. Another point which is interesting to mention is that parts of this programme are also relayed by a number of regional stations.

REGIONAL STATIONS

According to Radio Tirana there are 4 regional radio stations broadcasting from Albania. They are Radio Korce, Radio Kukesi, Radio Shkoder and Radio Gjirokaster, All of these stations, except Radio Gjirokaster, are also included in the World Radio TV Handbook (WRTH) 1992 together with, Radio Rrogozhina on 648 kHz, Radio Pogradec on 693 kHz, Radio Kelcyra on 864 kHz, Radio Puke on 972 kHz and Radio Fier on 1260 kHz.

With the only exception of Radio Puke on 972 kHz, all of these stations are heard here in Taranto. According to the World Radio TV Handbook 1992, these stations in addition to their own local programmes carry relays from the Tirana national programme. However, except for Radio Kukesi on 990 kHz and Radio Shkoder on 1323 kHz, none of these stations has ever been heard carrying local programmes, so a question mark must hang over their real function.

Radio Shkoder which operates on 1323 kHz starts its programmes at 1100 UT. It is good until around 1500 UT when Radio Moscow International dominates the channel. News from the Tirana national programme are relayed from 1430 until around 1505 UT (1400 to 1430 on Sundays when the soccer season is open) in Winter and one hour earlier when summer time is in force.

Harder-to-hear is Radio Kukes which operates on 990 kHz. Though its channel is almost always blocked by other stations such as the RAI and RIAS Berlin, it can sometimes be heard from its sign on at 1600 UT until around 1900 hours UT.

Other listed regional stations in Albania have never been heard carrying local programmes here in Taranto. They seems to be mere relays of the Tirana national programme without any programme of their own. There are some other stations, whose nature is unclear, listed in the World Radio and TV Handbook edition 1992's long and medium wave frequency table such as Berati (1170 kHz), Prenjas (1494 kHz), etc., but it is unsure wheter they are actually on the air or not as we have never heard them.

TELEVISION IN ALBANIA

Albanian Television (TV Shqiptar in the Albanian language) traces its origin back to April 29, 1960. Until 1965, TV programmes were about 2 hours, 3 evenings per week. Initially, they were received only in Tirana and Durres, but later with the addition of new transmitters they were also seen in other cities. For the first 11 years Television was experimental. Regular daily programmes were started in 1971. Since then Albanian Television grew constantly and by 1981 was going colour. Albania uses the PAL colour system. The Radio Television Shqiptar (RTSH) has also created its own National Symphony Orchestra. This it did in 1962. The programmes are varied and touch all fields of interests. Full use is made of RTSH's network of domestic correspondents in the production of TV programmes.

According to an Italian magazine, the number of TV sets in Albania is 250,000. A monitoring research made by Carlo Pepe in 1986 has revealed that special events programmes, like World Cup Football (Soccer) matches, aired by the Italian Radio and Television (RAI), are relayed by picking they up off the air. In fact, given the short distance to some RAI transmitters, there is good reception in Albania of transmissions from the 3 italian television networks.

During the broadcast of these events, while the original Italian dialogue is faded out and the comment of a studio announcer in Tirana is added, the screen shows the original RAI letter mark, which identifies the TV station. This is probably evidence of the Albanian

Television's impossibility to have access to any broadcast material made available to affiliated stations by international broadcasting organizations like EBU.

RADIO TIRANA INTERNATIONAL

"Radio Tirana is a typical example of a totally-dehumanized station".

Some critical listener's groups said that ten years ago. Whatever their reasons, their assertion was largely correct. The station used to broadcast long talks about Marxism-Leninism and hold a hostile attitude not only toward Western countries but also toward what it described as "revisionist-ruled" nations (the other Communist countries loyal to the Soviet Union).

The invasion of Albania by Italian Armed forces on April 7, 1939 meant the start of an armed rebellion. A few months before the end of the World War II, forces of the Communist Party of Albania, led by Enver Hoxha, seized control of the country and imposed one of the most fanatic Marxist-Leninist regimes. The country established close ties with Soviet Union and other Communist regimes but after the end of Stalin's era in 1961, when the then Secretary of the Communist Party of Soviet Union, Nikita Khrushchev accused his predecessor of crimes ranging from personality cult to the murder of thousands of political opponents, diplomatic relations were officially broken. This event led to the complete isolation of Enver Hoxha's Stalinist regime.

In the years since then, Hoxha's hostility for the U.S.S.R., and much of the outside world, has never diminished. But all that began to change in 1990, when the then President (and leader of the Communist Party) Ramiz Alia, in an effort to not lose power, inaugurated a process of democratization.

In Albania today, freedom and democracy are reflected in every walk of life. Only two years ago, there was no freedom of expression and official media were heavily censored. It was in this atmosphere that Radio Tirana, which often engaged in dogmatic battles with other Communist countries, has been operating for many years.

Radio broadcasting in Albania traces its history back to November 28, 1938, when the first broadcast was made over a 3-kW short-wave station. Regular programmes by Radio Tirana started only after the liberation of Tirana, on November 27, 1944. The following day, the triumphal words of the then head of government Enver Hoxha celebrating the so-called Democratic government's entry into Tirana, were heard for the first time over the transmitters of Radio Tirana.

Because of lack of adequate recording equipment, during the first

years of its operation, Radio Tirana had been broadcasting only live programmes. From 1947 to 1950 Radio Tirana broadcast daily only 7.5 hours of domestic programmes as well as 4 hours of foreign programmes in English, French, Italian, Serbo-Croat and Greek. Later the following language services were added: Arabic in 1952, Russian and Bulgarian in 1961, Hungarian and German in 1964, Spanish in 1965, Polish and Czech in 1966, Indonesian in 1967, Portuguese in 1968, Romanian in 1969, Turkish in 1976, Chinese in 1978, Persian in 1979 and Swedish in 1981.

On the technical side, the first medium wave transmitter became operational in 1952. It had a power of 50 kW. The decades since that transmitter was put into operation, have been years of growth with the addition of new medium and shortwave transmitters. For a time Radio Tirana relayed the broadcasts of Radio Beijing in return for a lot of technical assistance from the People's Republic of China. But when the political relationships strained between the two countries the relays went away.

With communism's end in Albania, programmes changed a lot at Radio Tirana, mostly in the way of reporting, according to a translator in the English department of Radio Tirana. "Apart from becoming more free and more flexible our news coverage was more complete and more realistic" he continued. That change was reflected in the listeners' attitude toward Radio Tirana. In the words of the English Department's translator, whose former position in the listener's service gave him a chance to analyze what foreign listeners were writing, during the Communist years listeners flattered Radio Tirana just as they did with many other stations in Eastern Europe only to get a QSL card. What they did was to say good words about Albania as well as Radio Tirana. But now their comments on the programmes are more open and more realistic.

Until the breakdown of Communism in Albania, Radio Tirana was totally controlled by a Communist Party organization which, after the peaceful revolution was disbanded because the Parliament decided that the radio should be a neutral organization, totally independent from the government. This means that Communists have completely lost their power. Thus, although most of them are still working at Radio Tirana they are not in high place positions. All the directors who are in charge now, for example, have never been members of the Communist Party. Because of this, Radio Tirana has lost its well-known Marxist-Leninist accent.

Before the fall of Communism in Albania, Radio Tirana had an enormous foreign service with 20 languages on the air. Some of these language services, however, were receiving very few letters. This is probably explained by the fact that programmes were of high political content

and did not tell much about daily life in the country. In fact the main aim of Radio Tirana was to promote the cause of Communism in the world rather than to inform objectively about Albania. But after the revolution, things changed dramatically at Radio Tirana which stopped broadcasting in 12 of the 20 languages it had then on the air. The eliminated language services were those directed to Eastern Europe as well as Chinese, Indonesian, Persian, Portuguese and others which took a lot of airtime.

During the past years the programmes of Radio Tirana directed to foreign countries were rather distinctive. Lots of long and emphatic talks about the magnificent achievements made in the development of the socialist economy and culture in Albania were presented and the well-known Communist song "The Internationale" was played at the end of each transmission. Further, the station used out-of-band frequencies such as 6200, 7080, 7090. 9375, 9480, 10510 and 16230 kHz.

A clear sign of changing times came on December 31, 1990 when the station suddenly announced it would be carrying commercials. Radio Tirana is clearly in economic difficulties and it seems the only way to keep the station going will be to use foreign sponsorship.

At least three well known stations like the BBC, Trans World Radio and Radio France Internationale, expressed an interest in hiring the medium wave frequency of 1395 kHz and started negotiations with the Albanian authorities. Of these stations, Trans World Radio recently signed an agreement with Radio Tirana for the rent of that medium wave transmitter. As from the beginning of October, in fact, Trans World Radio has started broadcasting religious programmes to Eastern Europe from 2030 to 2130 UT on 1395 kHz. The transmitter has an output of 1000 kW.

Given the technology available in the 1990's, Radio Tirana's equipment is seriously outdated. According to a German listener who visited the station, the facilities seems to be a mixture of Chinese and Soviet equipment and very old indeed. "The studios are very simple with giant tape recorders", he continued. "The studio technician sits in front of a large panel of rotable knobs and all the set ups resemble the control center of an electrical power station rather than a radio studio. But all seems to be in working order" he concluded.

All the news and features are made in central newsroom and then translated by the various language departments. Since 1990 producers in the various language sections have been allowed to make some programmes themselves, for example, the mailbag programme.

For many years the foreign programmes of Radio Tirana have been preceded by the first 9 notes of an Albanian patriotic song called

"With pickaxe in one hand and rifle in the other", which tells how the Albanians managed to throw the Soviets out of their country. Having been written during the communist years, this song has been replaced by a new melody a couple of years ago.

Radio Tirana currently broadcasts daily in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, Turkish, Greek, Serbo-Croat, Italian and German. There are also some programmes in Albanian bringing the total number of languages used to nine. Its daily programmes consist of news, commentary, sport, mailbag and music.

About four years ago a section for the production and distribution of high-quality recordings was created. Cassettes devoted to Albanian music from folk to light, to instrumental, to symphonic may be purchased by individuals through Radio Tirana. Video cassettes with the recording of Albanian dramas, films and concerts are also available.

A news bulletin from Tirana on 26th September 1992, said that it is now possible to include advertisements for domestic and foreign companies in any of its foreign language programmes. Further information about this new service may be obtained by calling one of these telephone numbers: 23775, 28322 (The fax numbers are 27919 and 23775).

The future of Radio Tirana appears more uncertain than ever before. Speaking of the possibility of the suspension of the service, Radio Tirana, said on April 21, 1992 this: "It is true. Radio Tirana is facing major difficulties especially in terms of outdated means and equipment it continues to employ for its broadcasts. Nevertheless our staff is doing the utmost to keep work going because Albania is seeking broad recognition among the world community and Radio Tirana would be a good start for this".

Although the political climate is much different today, Albania is still a mysterious country with many problems to contend with. Whatever happens, let us hope that everything will be done to save an important bridge of communications between Albania and the rest of the world like Radio Tirana.

SOURCES: Media Network, the weekly media programme of the English Service of Radio Netherlands; Austrian Shortwave panorama, the weekly media round up of the English Service of Radio Austria International; Glenn Hauser's DX programme "World of Radio"; "Albania - Nozioni generali", a book edited in 1984 by the Tirana publishing company "8 Nentori"; Radio Tirana. Special thanks to Carlo Pepe and Mr. Lumo Shehu of the Albanian Embassy in Rome. (Originally written and published in DX Fanzine no. 14 in November 1992!) --- END OF DX

FANZINE nr. 43 (via DXLD)

Greetings from Sweden --- Dear Drita: I write in English, due to knowing you want to distribute messages to others who don't know Albanian.

It was very sad but not unexpected news that Radio Tirana gave up the MW and SW broadcasting. An epoch starting in 1938 came to an end. Many bigger countries have taken the unwise decision to leave international shortwave and mediumwave broadcasting, unwise because they have got an audience and in many cases well functioning transmitter equipment. Albania keeps represented on the air by the CRI relay from Shijak. Sorry no agreement could be reached.

It would be very welcome to us, who are especially interested in Albania, to get information about links etc for listening to Radio Tirana broadcasts. I do get access, but I haven't got the full picture clear.

I hope you are well, Drita, and that the Close-down has not been harmful to your life situation.

Personally I find it hard to accept my age, so much more since I am surrounded by young people regularly. I am active at the Red Cross regularly, every day helping refugees Ìn their Swedish language training. Especially a group of about 20 young girls and boys are close to me as their boss - we had a Project directed by me last summer, I employed them all and determined the programs for meaningful and interesting activities for Children age 6-15 during their summer holidays. The money came from state funds. It all went very well, we will do it again this coming summer but I will have a partner in leadership, a young man from Syria who was one of my best last summer.

Several of the members in the Group plus some others get regular help from me in the secondary school work, because they do not know Swedish satisfactorily, and they need my assistance as a teacher. This is a very dear matter in my life! I meet them or I get their texts for correction through Facebook Messenger chat. Last night I spent two hours with a girl who will soon go to her final "Gymnasium" exam as a "Maturant", and this morning a young guy phoned me to get assurance from me before he holds a speech in front of his class today. And I will meet two girls again this afternoon.

Regarding Albanian matters, I can tell you that I finished the translation of a novel by a Macedonian Albanian writer and now work on poetry interpretations of two poets from Kosova. I also keep publishing poetry in Albanian with Swedish translations on Facebook, and this is much appreciated. When I published my favourite poet Fatos

Arapi I got a touching message from Fatos and his daughter Ina who lives in Vienna.

So I keep a finger on Albanian Culture still. It is part of my heart. My wife Samka and our daugher Arlinda are doing well and I also recently visited my brother Thord for his 80th birth anniversary and then also stayed with my first daughter Susanne and her daughers, my grandchildren Alexandra and Amanda, and my son Gunnar. I could even visit Amanda for her birthday, 23, three days after my brother's. We live far away from each other, but modern communication helps us of course.

This will be the end of an all-too-long delayed report from me, Drita. My best wishes to those who know me down there, I will not forget your great hospitality during my visit a few years ago. The Mountains never meet, we human beings sometimes meet, as the Albanian proverb says. Kind regards, Ullmar Qvick in Norrkˆping, Sweden (via Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana, DXLD)

Is medium wave transmitter planned to continue and for how long? I can hear it via an Italian web receiver now at 1440 on 1458 kHz with good signal, identifying in Albanian as "Radiotelevizioni Shqiptar". What about negotiating a couple of hours from the Chinese at Cerrik shortwave site? (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 4, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 0840 UT on April 5th, very weak tiny signal noted in various remote SDR stations in Italy (Calabria, Rome, Forli-Rimini, Genua Riviera), Zakynthos island in Greece and Steiermark in Austria. Probably Fllaka with reduced power of estimated 50 kW, or only exciter power level? on measured exact 1394.960 kHz. regards de wolfie df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am not sure if they have lowered power: I have a tiny signal even here in eastern Finland now at 1555, when the route is still in daylight. On 1457.65 kHz. Strong via ForlÏ, Italia. Best regards, (Mauno Ritola, April 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA, 4949.75, R·dio Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, 1820-1845, 29-03, Portuguese, comments, African songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Remarkable also: Angola 4949.7 back with much better modulation than usual (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Time? circa 1930/2000 other logs (gh)

Have to agree with Thorsten, Angola was outstanding last night (March

30).

4949.7, R·dio Nacional, Mulenvos. Mar 30, 2017 Thursday. 2111-2115. Definitely a stronger and better modulated signal than usual, OM and YL talking Portuguese. Signal comparable to Zambia ZNBC1 on 5915. Jo'burg sunset 1608 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4949.72, March 31 at 0105, RNA with music at S9+15. Good modulation since latest hiatus (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here in Europe I see only a very tiny strong of R Nac Mulenvos AGL on 4949.728 At 1810 UT, but tiny S=4 or -98dBm signal, on threshold level. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4949.7, R·dio Nacional. Mulenvos. Apr 4, 2017 Tuesday. 0250-0320. Definitely there, but at noise level. Jo'burg sunrise 0418.

4949.7, Apr 4, 2017 Tuesday. 1736-1737. Song. Barely audible, not readable. Poor. Jo'burg sunset 1603 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 1904-1916, 29-03, songs and comments. Extremely weak, only audible on USB. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With very good HF propagation tonight, I heard LRA36 RN Arc·ngel San Gabriel from Base Esperanza from around 1930 UT on 15476 kHz carrier and USB. Typical program of Spanish announcements and Argentine music. Signal was still weak but maybe it will get better in the coming days. Even 10 m was wide open tonight between Europe and South America. vy73 (Harald DL1ABJ Kuhl, Monday April 3 BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. RAE ARGENTINA AL MUNDO INCORPORA M¡S TECNOLOGÕA

01/04/2017 --- RAE Argentina al Mundo sigue avanzando con la incorporaciÛn de las nuevas tecnologÌas y cuenta ahora con el nuevo canal AUDIONOW que permite escuchar nuestros programas por telefono y sin costo adicional ni consumo de paquete de datos en Estados Unidos.

Resultado de imagen para rae argentina al mundo

AUDIONOW es un sistema que permite conectar a las emisoras de radio con sus audiencias en sitios remotos, como alternativa a las ondas

cortas y a internet. En el caso puntual de EEUU la escucha por internet suele realizarse o bien en ordenadores hogareÒos, o en dispositivos moviles siempre y cuando haya disponibilidad de WIFI ya que el uso de datos ya sea 4G o 3G tiene un limite pues no existen abonos con TARIFA PLANA de datos, pero si con TARIFA PLANA de ìPulsosî telefonicos.

Esta herramienta de ìradio por telefonoî es utilizada entre otros medios internacionales por la BBC, la VOA, Radio Francia Internacional, Deutsche Welle y la emisora de las Naciones Unidas.

En esta primera etapa RAE Argentina al Mundo trabajara con AudioNow en Ingles y EspaÒol para el publico de EEUU quienes podran escuchar en el momento que deseen el programa del dia completo o bien solo el boletin de noticias.

Ya se estan haciendo ajustes para sumar a Mexico y Canada al sistema que difunde RAE.

En el curso de este mes se agregara un servicio similar para Brasil en Portugues y EspaÒol al que se accedera desde un numero local en Brasil.

Tambien se estan realizando pruebas para que dentro del servicio se incluyan transmisiones de futbol de Nacional, dentro del menu de RAE. (GRA blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD) So what is the phone number in USA?? (gh, ibid.) See also FALKLAND ISLANDS [non]

** AUSTRALIA. 1008 kHz, 1454-, 4TAB, Radio Tab, Mar 27. Briefly at fair/good level with racing play by play, then faded.

1233, 1400-, 2NC, Mar 27. What an amazing morning. One of those, 'what happened to my antenna?' Almost total absence of the normal TPs. Instead, DU is present, but not super strong. There are some unusual stations, such as 1233, which I don't usually associate with DU with ABC fanfare and news. Good reception.

1296, 1405-, 6RN, Mar 27. In parallel to just mentioned 1233, so it's likely an ABC station. There's also another station cochannel, though, so either 4RPH, Brisbane or Newstalk, Hamilton NZ.

1611, 1417-, Vision Radio Network, Mar 29. More returning to 'normal' conditions with predominantly Asian conditions, except that all 4 antennas seemed to be close to identical in receiving signals this morning. It's as if there was a scatter service for the signals. No one antenna was 'best' across the spectrum. They all worked rather well. Today was the best X-band opening. Audio on most of the channels. 1611 had its usual number of stations, all off frequency.

1610.896 (fair strength), 1610.930 (fairly strong), 1610.983 (weaker), then a smudge between 1610.994 to 1611.004 ---presumably a number of stations there, 1611.013, and 1611.023 (medium strength). Mostly English talk, so I'm assuming Vision Radio Network here, was the dominant station(s). (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. PM: SHORTWAVE CUT COSTS LIVES, TAXPAYER DOLLARS
By Dan McGarry

http://dailypost.vu/news/pm-shortwave-cut-costs-lives-taxpayer-dollars/article_b1406cc9-e2d7-55cb-84e6-b6cecb601e5d.html

The Government of Vanuatu yesterday sent a formal submission to the Australia Senate Standing Committee overseeing Radio Australia, sending a message of strong opposition to the cutting of shortwave radio services to the Pacific.

In measured but pointed language, the letter from Prime Minister Charlot Salwai states that ìremoving shortwave service to Vanuatu could cost many, many lives in the likelihood of a major natural disasterî like cyclone Pam.

The submission goes on to underline the widely held perception that better communications are a key time- and money-saving feature of disaster preparedness and response.

Early warning in the days and hours before cyclone Pam made landfall in Vanuatu is considered by many to have contributed significantly to the surprisingly low death toll. Only 11 people died in a storm that directly affected nearly 190,000.

In the wake of the storm, however, Vanuatuís national communications infrastructure was damaged, and in the days immediately following the storm, virtually the entire country outside of Port Vila was effectively without domestic communications.

Having shortwave services available and integrated into the disaster response might have done much to reduce the chaos and confusion experienced by many in the aftermath of the storm.

The submission cites numerous sources, including the ABCís Liam Cochrane, that people in remote and rural areas of Vanuatu relied on the shortwave service at this time.

ìIt could be reasonably stated,î Mr Salwaiís letter states, ìthat Australiaís shortwave service helps save Pacific lives and Australian tax dollars.î

The letter further notes that DFATís disaster risk reduction, prevention and preparedness stance includes a commitment to ëearly warning systemsí.

DFATís own Office of Development Effectiveness has cited the need for Australia to be able to communicate its role effectively in post-disaster situations. The recommendation was one of several included in a report evaluating Australiaís response to cyclone Pam.

The government of Vanuatu emphasises that shortwave radio service is still an apt and viable option, the letter argues. ìFor us, it is not outdated technology at all. It is appropriate and ëfit for purposeí....î

These statements echo widely held opinions in Vanuatu, but this is the first time the Government has weighed in on a formal basis.

The letter was submitted to the Australian Senate Committee reviewing the ABCís decision to cut shortwave services, and a copy was sent to High Commissioner to Vanuatu, Jenny da Rin (via Bruce MacGibbon, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

VANUATU CALLS FOR RESUMPTION OF ABC SHORTWAVE
3:00 pm on 5 April 2017
http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/328227/vanuatu-calls-for-resumption-of-abc-shortwave

The government of Vanuatu sent a formal submission to the Australian Senate asking for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation to resume its shortwave service.

The ABC axed the service in January, saying it was not viable and too expensive to maintain.

In a letter, Vanuatu's prime minister Charlot Salwai said removing the shortwave service to Vanuatu could cost many lives in the likelihood of a major natural disaster, like cyclone Pam two years ago.
The Prime Minister of Vanuatu Charlot Salwai.

The Prime Minister of Vanuatu Charlot Salwai. Photo: ITU Pictures / R. Farrell [caption]

The Daily Post said radio broadcasts to remote parts of the country have been cited as a reason the death toll from the category five storm was relatively low.

After the storm there was practically no domestic communication, with

shortwave the only radio means to reach a scattered population.

Mr Salwai said it could be reasonably stated that Australia's shortwave service helps save Pacific lives and Australian tax dollars (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

Paul Walker is trying to tell me RA/ABC didn't own their transmitter sites. I looked at my old PWBR's and they show their contact info for what appears operations and administrative as being all thru ABC related facilities. Would you happen to know? I know Sentech handles transmissions for CA but I don't see any entries like that for RA. Thanks in advance, (Chris Campbell, Columbus, Ohio, Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android, April 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Chris, Like too many stations, the ABC SW facilities were outsourced/sold off some years ago to an entity called Broadcast Australia. There must have been some financial incentive, but it`s foolish for any broadcaster to give up control/ownership of its own transmitters (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

NORTHERN TERRITORY CATTLEMAN TURNS TO HUMOUR TO PROPOSE NEW BROADCASTER, RADIO OUTBACKISTAN, TO TAKE OVER ABC'S SHORTWAVe
Posted Mon at 7:52am
http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-03/nt-cattleman-tom-stockwell-proposal-radio-outbackistan/8411610

ABC shortwave
Photo: Cartoonist George Aldridge's take on Radio Outbackistan. (ABC News: Kristy O'Brien) [caption, q.v.; involves a camel]

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Map: Katherine 0850

Could Radio Outbackistan be the next shortwave broadcaster for rural Australia? In response to the ABC abolishing its HF shortwave radio service, the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) president has turned to humour to propose his own broadcast alternative.

On Friday, in front of hundreds of cattle producers, Tom Stockwell addressed the association's annual conference on the status of the

beef industry, listing challenges, opportunities and grievances.

While the Bureau of Meteorology's decision to remove the Tennant Creek weather radar and the National Broadband Network's restrictions on download quotas for remote users were both highlighted, it was the loss of shortwave radio that Mr Stockwell took most issue with.

The NTCA has been heavily critical of the ABC for making the decision, which was made to allow for the reinvestment of funds into digital services.

Inspired by the band Roadtrippers, Mr Stockwell joked about his desire for a new broadcaster called Radio Outbackistan to fill a regional communications void.

"A national broadcaster that does not broadcast local ABC radio to all Australians is not a national broadcaster, and the Government can take the money back and give it to someone who will," Mr Stockwell said.

"Communications Minister Fifield just gave $80 million back to the Arts Council. There is nothing more artistic than a few transmission towers spreading culture for the migratory masses across the outback. Today I announce the launch of the Radio Outbackistan prospectus."

Prior to the shortwave service being switched off on January 31, the ABC's managing director Michelle Guthrie told a Senate estimates hearing the organisation was not breaching its charter by doing so.

Radio continues to be broadcast in the NT via FM and AM frequencies, as well as via Viewer Access Satellite Television.

The ABC has also offered transition alternatives, including helping listeners to subscribe to podcasts and stream radio online.

Radio Outbackistan, Mr Stockwell said, would have select broadcasters, including Fran Kelly and Alan Jones, and even feature some existing ABC programs such as Australia All Over and Tales from the Tinny.

"A local management board and consultative committee of listeners will decide on programming," he said.

"There will be two channels, OBC1 [for] news and local affairs, taking some ABC programming and some commercial programs.

"The second channel, OBC2, will be sport, with priorities being Test and international cricket matches, other international matches [except soccer and basketball], interstate matches, then local club matches.

"You will not be able to tweet or text comments ó just listen to the radio. Only calls from satellite phones may be taken. If there is ever a Royalties for Regions program rolled out in the Territory, it will be put towards the development of new superior mass free-to-air broadcast technologies to replace shortwave."

The idea for the fantasy broadcaster prompted several illustrations at the conference by NTCA-commissioned cartoonist George Aldridge (via Artie Bigley, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. A-17 new frequencies of Reach Beyond Australia from March 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/reception-of-reach-beyond-australia-on.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** AZERBAIJAN. Good signal of Ictimai Radio with broadband FM mode, March 30
0815-1415 9676.9 unknown tx / unknown to CeAs Azeri, plus strong co-ch
1100-1400 9680.0 TSH 100 kW / 352 deg to EaAs Chinese RTI & CNR Jammer
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/good-signal-of-ictimai-radio-with.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 9745-USB, 0405, Radio Bahrain with Arabic news, music themes & ident. Followed past 0430 but starting to fade out 6/3. Distinctive AM/USB only transmission mode (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 4750.00, Bangladesh Betar, Mar 27 1354-1409, 43443, Bengali, Bangladesh music, ID at 1404 and 1405 and 1407.

9455, Bangladesh Betar, Mar 30 *1315-1326, 34333, Nepali, 1315 s/on with opening announce, Theme music, News, ID at 1324 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750.00, Bangladesh Betar, Apr 02 1159-1206, 33443, Bengali, Theme music at 1159, News, ID at 1200 and 1205 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, 1352-, Bangladesh Betar, Mar 30. Totally dominating the frequency this morning with subcontinental music. Cochannel Indian is just audible. I'm measuring one on 4750.002 and the other on 4749.992, both appear about equal on the waterfall. I looked again at 1527, and this time measure 4749.992 and 4750.000, although the latter, especially was smeared about 7 Hz compared to 3 Hz on the lower

frequency. BD dominates the audio, however. Into English news at 1530. Getting a bit late this time of year due to earlier LSR (about 70 minutes ago now). (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, Bangladesh Betar - HS, 1235-1243, April 3. The Monday only SAARC (The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) news bulletin in English; ìAssalamu alaikum. This is Bangladesh Betarî; items - new Indian army chief visting Bangladesh, China plays a vital role in economic development of the region, terrorist bomb blast in Pakistan at Friday prayers, etc.; poor, with usual CODAR and CNR1 QRM, but able to make out bits and pieces (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Bangladesh Betar on March 31:
1315-1345 on 9455 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to SoAs Nepali, fair/good
1400-1430 on 15505 DKA 250 kW / 290 deg to WeAs Urdu, poor signal
Summer A-17 of Bangladesh Betar is same as A-16 & B-16:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-bangladesh-betar-on-march.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 6035 kHz. F/D QSL letter (pdf format) and friendly message 6 days after my 4th F/UP. Total time from my original report: 14 months. V/S: Kaka Tshering, General Manager BBS radio. F/UP sent to: kakatshering@bbs.bt NB: The report was about reception via Twentw web SDR receiver in Holland (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto, ITALY, March DX Fanzine via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

** BONAIRE. Hi, Glenn, I wonder if TWR has their new 400 kW transmitter up and running. I try for it from time to time. Though 800 is quite a cacophony here, now, I figure, if they beam to Cuba or Northern Mexico, from Bonaire, I might hear a trace of them. Usually check about 0200 UT. 73, (Tim Hendel, Huntsville AL, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tim, I have had no reports of it yet. Perhaps you will be the one to discover it (Glenn to Tim, ibid.)

Glenn, if I discover it, I'll let you know. I used to sometimes hear the old 800 here in Huntsville, but, there is so much more glop on the frequency now. Still, I suspect I'll hear something. I'll let you know. 73, (Tim Hendel, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 4774.930, R Congonhas, Congonhas, MG, BrasPortug, 1035 UT station ID, S=9+30dB powerful signal. Mixture evangelical sermon, but also popular music in between ... 20 kHz wide audio during music. Heard also in between: Cuban "Guantanamera" song.

4863.107 strong S=9+20 carrier, and 120 Hertz buzz either side. HX of MW? [probably R. Alvorada, 4862.4 when Carlos logged it ñ gh]

4905.004, Nova R RelÛgio, Rio de Janeiro, 10.42 UT Station "RelÛgio" ID, S=9+25dB powerful.

4985.008, 1132 UT, Brazilian pop music heard, but very weak tiny signal in Rio de Janeiro remote SDR post. Poor S=6. R·dio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, GO, scheduled at this channel.

5939.825, Voz Mission·ria, Cambori˙, SC, noted proper S=9+30dB signal remote SDR post in Rio. 22 kHz wide audio signal at 1200 UT.

5969.959, UNIDentified local Brazilian station, played symphonic orchestra music, like Italian opera? Scheduled is R·dio Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, MG, S=7-8 nearly fair signal at 1204 UT.

6010.035, welcome greeting "Bom Dia" at 1206 UT on March 30, S=9+25dB powerful in Rio remote unit, up to 14 kHz wide signal during lady singer performance, but 'little' OVERMODULATION distortion audio noted so far. R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, MG scheduled here.

6040.712, BrasPortuguese, sermon, 1207-1208 UT "... Senor Christo ... Gloria ... Santo ... Amen ... " on March 30 at 1209 UT, like "Gregorian singer group" S=9+25dB, 22 kHz wide signal heard in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. [R·dio RB2]

6059.763, BrasPortug program, at 1229 UT, carrier S=9+10dB strong, BUT UNDERMODULATED, only 5 per cent audio mod. Probably Super R·dio Deus È Amor, Curitiba, PR.

6080.026, R·dio Marumby, Curitiba, PR, scheduled here, S=9+15dB proper signal, but LOW MODULATED, at 1231 UT on March 30, on remote SDR unit in Rio de Janeiro. 16 kHz wide audio signal, smooth nice female singer voice performance. BUT ACCOMPANIED BY 2 SPURIOUS SIGNALS
49.113 kHz away on symmetrical frequencies
6030.914 and 6129.140 kHz, and also on 6178.253 kHz too.
73 wolfie [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]
(Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, For the very first time since 2010 year I was lucky this morning to access a SDR Server in Brasil in worldwide Perseus Net. 1015-1245 UT on March 30, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4885.023, 0517-, R·dio Clube do Par·, Mar 25. Great signal on measured 4885.023 with lively Latin music. So who is this? I see that R·dio Clube do Par· from BelÈm is listed with 2 kW ND, but so is R·dio Maria in An·polis with 1 kW ND, and R·dio Difusora Acreana from Rio Branco with 5 kW ND. Well the programming is not what R·dio Maria

would transmit. I'm leaning toward the latter. Nice S8 signal and excellent modulation. At 0529, an ID in Portuguese with multiple frequencies announced (so a network ID?), then back into music. I reviewed the tape, and almost certainly R·dio Clube do Par·, BelÈm. I heard 'R·dio Clube' and BelÈm several times. Definitely no mentions of R Dif Acreana here! Identical canned ID at 0601, then back to Brazilian music (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 4862.4, R. Alvorada (presumed), Londrina PR, 2120-..., texto, m˙sica; 25331, modulaÁ„o muito fraca.

4905, Nova R RelÛgio, Rio de Jan.∫ RJ, 2105-2117, 03/4, texto; 22431, QRM da CHINA.

Nos 60 m/5 MHz, os sinais estiveram pobres, entre 30/3 e 03/4, mas È bem evidente a ausÍncia de v·rias estaÁıes, n„o mercÍ de m· propagaÁ„o, mas sim porque n„o est„o no ar, seja por avaria ou por opÁ„o, certamente para cortar nos custos operativos. Nas outras bandas, sucede o mesmo, claro, mas a situaÁ„o È mais atenuada.

6080, R. Marumby, Curitiba PR, 2144-2154, 02/4, canÁıes religiosas; 33442, QRM da CHINA. // 9515 com SINPO 35443.

9515, R. Marumby, Curitiba PR, 2136-2147, 01/4, propaganda religiosa e canÁıes a condizer; 35433, modulaÁ„o algo fraca.

11895.1, R. Boa Vontade (presumed), Pt.∫ Alegre RS, 2103-..., 02/4, portadora vazia; 25432.

11895.1, idem, 2100-2114, 03/4, m˙sica cl·ssica, propag. relig., ‡s 2104; 35443 (Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal HF obs. 30 Mar-05 Apr, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 11780. Mar 30 at 0133, R·dio Nacional BrasÌlia, BrasÌlia-DF. It¥s signed-off. Parallel on 6180 kHz, unlistenable and/or signed-off. 11780. Mar 31 at 1933, R·dio Nacional AmazÙnia, BrasÌlia-DF. No signal of RNA on SW this afternoon. On 6180, signed-off and/or unlistenable [inaudible] (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

6180 & 11780, March 31 at 0058, RNA/RNB is still silent, for the eleventh night in a row (presumably, altho I missed checking on the tenth). 6180 however bears the JBA carrier from CRI East Turkistan

Glenn - 6180, looking for Brazil on March 31, at 0531, found VOA via Pinheira STP, in French; decent signal. No Brazil (Ron Howard, CA,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180 STP, VoA S„o TomÈ, now on that channel in French, 0550 UT, Mar 31, only Mon-Fri, S=7-8 in MA-US remote SDR installation (Wolfgang B¸schel, Mar 31, ibid.)

6180 & 11780, March 31 at 2253 check, it`s twelfth-night at RNA/RNB of no emanations, likewise later into UT April 1. So can anyone explain what the situation is? Transformers broke down again dispowering Parque Rodeador? Or decision to turn it off forever?

6180 & 11780, April 2 at 0058, both RNAs are still missing for the thirteenth night in a row (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing heard on both channels, also the other tiny Brazilian on 6040.711 R·dio RB2 only on threshold level -99dBm at 0620 UT Apr 2nd. Heard in Detroit Michigan remote post. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

6180 & 11780, April 3 at 0336 check, RNA/RNB is still AWOL since it was reported by anyone on March 20, for the fourteenth night in a row, and counting, or should we bother any longer?

11780, April 4 at 0124, no signal from RNA/RNB; ditto 6180 April 4 at 0136 tuneby (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FYI: Posted to WRTH Facebook page today by Uender JosÈ Silva Marques:

La R·dio Nacional de la AmazÙnia de BrasÌlia en Brasil que transmite em onda corta 6180 y 11780 kHz, ya est·n seleccionados que proporcionan energÌa pero les falta el dinero proveniente del gobierno para iniciar el proceso, las dos frecuencias est·n por debajo de Lunes retrasado. Ser· capaz de volver en unos dÌas asÌ que depende de federal gobierno proporcionar el dinero para contratar los servicios de generaciÛn de energÌa. La informaciÛn que viene da parte tÈcnica da emisora brasileÒa del senhor Noe Santana Cesar, Un saludo desde Brasil y buenas escuchas 73! (via Ron Howard, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9630.0, April 4 at 0120, VP signal with talk, seems same as on R. Aparecida, 11856.1, VP S5, but both too weak to make a // match. Seems like 9630 had been off for a while (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 10000. Mar 30 at 0138, ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro-RJ. Time Signal station. Investigation 10000 to 10010 kHz, no signal and/or unlistenable. At this time, only WWV Fort Collins-CO, USA, TS station.

10000. Mar 31 at 1950, ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro-RJ. Time Signal Station; Woman announcer says hour, minutes and seconds, each 10 seconds, in Portuguese. She says: ON, 19h:50¥: 00", ON, 9h:50¥:10", ... etc. (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

QSL Reply from PPE Time Signal Station. Received this last Friday; quite a surprised when I went to front counter to sign for this over-size envelope from Brazil!! It seemed my initial report must have been overlooked, but the second attempt came with this reply. With all my e-mail reports it was an audio link via box.com. Reply came in 54 days after the follow-up. The person was the Head of the Time Signal Division and his e-mail address is: carvalho@on.br (Ricardo JosÈ de Carvalho); as well you can contact alternates as: fittipaldi@on.br (Mario Noto Fittipaldi) and hssantos@on.br (Hamice S.I. Coda Santos). I should also mention it was with the help of Paul B. Walker in Alaska who came through with contact information! Special Thanks for his assistance! (Edward Kusalik, AB, ODXA yg via DXLD) ? So what was in the big envelope besides a QSL card?? (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11735, 2000, R·dio Trans Mundial with comprehensive station list, website details & ident in Portuguese 24/3. Initially fair, was able to follow signal till closing around 2059. Frequency is 11734.967, usually stronger than co-channel Zanzibar on 11735.009 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

So that could explain the `double carrier` I was getting, rather than Zanzibar defective with two peaks (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Yesterday Brazilian R InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte MG, co-channel:
6010.035 BRA welcome greeting "Bom Dia" at 12.06 UT on March 30, S=9+25dB powerful in Rio remote unit, up to 14 kHz wide signal during lady singer performance, but 'little' OVERMODULATION distortion audio noted so far. R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, MG scheduled here. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) cf COLOMBIA

BRASILIEN, 15190.046, R·dio InconfidÍncia --- Ein S=5 signal grad so ¸ber der Grasnarbe, gesehen beim Antarctica 15476v Suchen. Brasilianische Musik um 2040 UT Apr 3. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. From the Isle of Music [April 2, Sunday only]
1500-1600 9400 SCB 100 kW / 030 deg to EaEu English, powerful signal

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-from-isle-of-music-and.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. SECRETLAND, SPL The Global specialist for International Communications on shortwave and provided to you strong, clear and quality signal around the world.

Summer A17 of End Times Coming Radio Ex-Catholics For Christ via SPL
0230-0300 9400 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg N/ME English, instead of
0100-0130 9400 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg N/ME English winter B-16
1801-1831 12075 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg WeAs English summer A-16

Summer A17 schedule of Brother HySTAIRicalM via SPL Secretbrod from March 26:
1600-2000 11600.4 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg N/ME English, bad choice*
1800-2000 6000.0 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg WeEu English, bad choice#
1801-2000 9400.0 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg WeAs English, strong/clear!

* from 1600 11600 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg WeAs Kurdish Denge Kurdistan
# 1800-1830 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg CeAs Ad/Ar/Tu Mon Adygeyan R
# 1830-1900 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg CeAs Adygeyan Mon Adygeyan R
# 1800-1900 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg CeAs Adygeyan Fri Adygeyan R
# 1900-2000 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg CeAs Adygeyan Sun Adygeyan R
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-of-end-times-coming-radio-and.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** BURUNDI [non]. 15480. Mar 30 at 1815, Radio Publique Africaine, Issoudun-FRABCE, in Kirundi. Woman announcer talks; Man talks and conversation with a man; 1827 Woman talks. Station with fair signal and modulation, 35433 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

FRANCE, Reception of Radio Publique Africaine via TDF Issoudun on April 1:
1800-1858 on 15480 ISS 250 kW / 145 deg to SoAf Kirundi/French, very weak signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2017/04/reception-of-radio-publique-africaine.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1001 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 5, 2017 via DXLD)

** CAMBODIA [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok via RED Telecom Tashkent, March 30
1130-1200 on 17860 TAC 100 kW / 122 deg to SEAs Khmer Thu/Sun, very weak signal

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/voice-of-khmer-mchas-srok-via-red.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON [non]. 15315. Mar 30 at 1835, Radio Sawtu Linjiila, Issoudun-FRANCE, in Fulfulde. Man and woman announcers talks, both in conversation; 1842 Woman talks and a song; 1845 Man talks, ID and Drums; 1847 Woman announcer talks. Very good signal and modulation, 45544.

15315. Mar 31 at 1848, Radio Sawtu Linjiila, Issoudun-F, in Fulfulde (not in French, today). Man and woman announcer in conversation; 1858 IS (Drums and vuvuzela), ID and POBox. This station (SAWTU LINJIILA, Voice of the Gospel) has a very good signal and modulation, 45544 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

I still have my doubts this qualifies as a ``station`` rather than a religious program, like many others in a certain language which are not considered distinct stations (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. BELL MEDIA DETROIT 800 AM CKLW affected ---
http://radioinsight.com/headlines/117217/bell-media-shuts-detroit-offices-89x-cuts-airstaff

Bell Media Shuts Detroit Offices; 89X Cuts Most Of Its Airstaff
Profile photo of Lance Venta By Lance Venta on March 30, 2017 1 Comment

89X CIMX Windsor Detroit Cal Cagno Gillian Reilly PK

As part of its ongoing corporate restructuring, Bell Media has eliminated the airstaff on Alternative ì89Xî 88.7 CIMX Windsor ON and closed its Detroit sales office.

Exiting with the cuts are morning hosts Cal Cagno and Gillian Reilly, midday hosts Phil ìPKî Kukawinski, afternoon host Reed Petitpren and members of the promotions and sales departments. Only night host Mark McKenzie remains from the on-air staff.

The company is eliminating is US based sales office for the Detroit market and will focus its efforts on the Canadian side of the border. In addition to CIMX, Bell Media owns Oldies ìAM 580î CKWW, News/Talk ìAM 800î CKLW, and AAA ì93.9 The Riverî CIDR in the Detroit/Windsor market. Of the four stations, only ì89Xî subscribed to Nielsen Audioís PPM ratings for Detroit where it registered a 1.6 share in the February monthly.

In a press statement, Bell Media Director of Corporate Communications

Matthew Garrow stated, ìWe have reduced a number of broadcast positions at Bell Mediaís local TV and radio stations as part of a larger restructuring at Bell Media, including the closure of our Detroit satellite office supporting Windsor radio stations 89X, The River, Memories 580, and AM 800.

The four stations will retain their current formats and their signals will continue to carry into the Detroit market. The restructuring is a response to the challenges we and other Canadian media companies are facing on multiple fronts: changing broadcast technologies and growing international competition, a tough advertising market, and ongoing regulatory pressure.î (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

Subject: CKLW Big 8 50th Anniversary April 4th

On April 4, 1967, CKLW in Windsor became "The Big Eight" when it switched to the Boss Radio format. Within 3 months, CKLW became the #1 station in not only Detroit, but also in the Cleveland and Toledo markets. Does anyone know if there is special programing planned on CKLW, CKWW, or anywhere else? (Karl Racenis, April 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is a website the http://big8.net --- try that for info (Mark Vitale, ibid.)

Aw man, talk about memories! I remember listening to CK day and night when I was a kid in Lansing, MI. In those years, they mustíve put a dent in even WJRís dominance of Neilson ratings. Had to wait ítil after dark to hear WLS and WCFL from Chicago though.

I wonder how they ëskirtedí the Canadian play rules from the CRTC all those years? Or were they not in effect yet? Thereís only so much Annie Murray & Gordon Lightfoot you can play in a day. ;-) (Bill Whitacre, DC, ibid.)

In those days they played (and could do so legally) whatever they pleased. The Drake format CKLW adopted cleaned Keener's (WKNR Dearborn) clock. I was working in the GR [Grand Rapids?] market at the time. I have the PAMS jingle packages from that era on CD and enjoy listening to them every now and then. Sure do miss "that old time rock & roll" (cue Bob Seeger). (Paul Dobosz, ibid.)

I don't remember the exact years or time, but I remember the last hour or so of the Ted "The Bear" Richards show was all songs I never heard of, probably all Canadian artists (-Jim Nahirniak, ibid.)

The Sun Never Sets On The Shannon Empire (Mike Vitale, ibid.)

** CANADA. 1610, CHHA, Toronto, Ontario. 1002 April 1, 2017. Tune-in the the last moments of "O Canada" then female canned "Voces Latinas" slogan, into English parody song. Nearly local level (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6070, CFRX Toronto ON; 1842, 27-Mar; Missing; 1442, 29-Mar; still missing; 1924, 29-Mar; back on; ìIn-depth radio, news-talk 10-10î //1010 CFRB. SIO=353 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6070, April 2 at 0113, CFRX with M&W talkshow, blasted away by splatter from overmodulated 6060 CUBA; all I can make out is a mention of ``auditions for Avengers``, and an iHeartradio.ca app plug. I was going to try to confirm whether CFRB is still carrying a computer/tech show, `Geeks & Beats`, Friday and Saturday nights: was 0104 UT Saturdays and 0004 UT Sundays (repeat?), so I have left it on the latest DX/SWL/MEDIA programs for the time being. Website no longer shows a complete program schedule, just certain ``Shows``, and no mention of G&B now on a weekend at either:
http://www.iheartradio.ca/newstalk-1010/audio
http://www.iheartradio.ca/newstalk-1010/shows
So can anyone confirm whether CFRX still has this on at any time? BTW, I have removed `Into Tomorrow` like WWCR has from its program schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Detroit is 'too close' to Toronto, only peak visible on threshold on 6069.986 kHz frequency at 0635 UT on Apr 2. Heard in Detroit Michigan remote post.

6159.973, The other Canadian domestic program, CKZN St. Johns heard of fluttery kind at 0627 UT on Apr 2, S=8-9 in Detroit remote unit. ex-Trump Moscow adviser report. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CHILE. 5825. R. TRIUNFAL EVANGELICA. Marzo 29. 2335-2349 UT. M˙sica. SINPO: 45343 35343 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 1017 kHz, 1557-, CRI, Mar 26. Clearly a language service at first with excellent levels, then faded, but at end of program, I could clearly hear 'CRI' given a number of times. PAL only lists Jilin with CRI programming and in Korean, but only between 1100 to 1500 UT. Off by an hour here. Interesting that there was nothing over the 1600 TOH, though! Time pips and presumed ID not until 1600:50 UT. A bit late! (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've been caught by this as well, Walt. WRTH A16 supplement lists them now as 1100-1600 UT in Korean. best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

** CHINA. 5979, Gannan PBS, 1319, April 1. Has been close to four months now since they moved from ex 5970 to this unique frequency. It was Dec 3 that Hiroyuki Komatsubara (Japan) first noted the change. Heard today in Chinese, with a weak signal (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 7300. CRI. Marzo 31. 2320-2337 UT. Servicio en Esperanto. Mujer habla sobre el lugar de la mujer en la sociedad china. A las 2330, un programa juvenil de la Universala Esperanto Asocio con referencias a AmÈrica del Sur y m˙sica de reggae. SINPO: 45434 // 9880 SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 7385, Firedragon Jammer, 3/25, 1525. Crash boom and bang. Target ? Radio Taiwan is known to have been here with a service TO the PRC, so likely that is it. Real powerhouse with equally strong // up on 7415 (over RFA Tinian). (Rick, a.k.a. Barton, AZ, some logs from the patio picnic table listening post. Unless otherwise stated, logs are with a Longines Symphonette 4597 "World Traveler" with whip antenna, and a RadioShack SW-2000629/ATS-505/Model 20-629/DX-402, and a 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. EAST JAMMERSTAN: 9745 Crash & Bang music jammer; 1906, 27-Mar; weak & no other audio noted & no targets listed in Aoki/EiBi.

+++ [same] 1924, 29-Mar; a tad stronger than last time (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST) IBB in Mandarin via KUWAIT, says HFCC A-17 (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 9760, THAILAND, V o A, 3/25, 1600. Strong OC to sign-on in English, then went to announced Tibetan. CCI began at 2 minutes past the hour with W singing (Rick, a.k.a. Barton, AZ, some logs from the patio picnic table listening post. Unless otherwise stated, logs are with a Longines Symphonette 4597 "World Traveler" with whip antenna, and a RadioShack SW-2000629/ATS-505/Model 20-629/DX-402, and a 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Chinese authorities are casting their evil eyes on other broadcasters who dare try to talk to their people.

11845, CNR1 at 1311 // 11785 in Mandarin jamming All India Radio in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited talk to 1315 and off as AIR is scheduled off at that time too ñ Fair Apr 1 ñ I guess the Chinese authorities are adding other broadcasters to their list of undesirables (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Axually China has been jamming Chinese language broadcasts from AIR for years. HFCC A17 does show Zho language at 1130-1315 from Delhi site. However VU2JOS sked for A17 shows AIR 1145-1315 in Chinese only on 15040 and 17705, both Bengaluru. So AIR may not be active on 11845 at all

Aoki does list 11845 for AIR Chinese at 1145-1315 from Delhi-Khampur, unjammed, but ALSO for AIR Tibetan, *jammed at 1215-1330 from Delhi-Kingsway! Can`t be both unless DRM from one site (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

The Chinese authorities were out in force this morning using the CNR1 feed to block various broadcasters especially on 31 meters. But I did notice the VOA getting through on 11785.

9660, CNR1 at 1117 in Mandarin jamming RTI in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Weak but audible Apr 2

9680, CNR1 at 1119 // 9660 in Mandarin jamming RTI in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited talk interviewing another man ñ Good Apr 2

9845, CNR1 at 1122 // 9660 and 9680 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin (via the Philippines) with a man and woman interviewing another man ñ Fair Apr 2

11750, CNR1 at 1152 in Mandarin jamming KSDA (AWR) in Mandarin with a man and woman with talk then a number of promos to 5+1 time pips and off at 1200 ñ Fair Apr 2 ñ CRI is listed at this time to Oceania in Mandarin but this was definite CNR1 programming. The Chinese authorities must hate religious broadcasts in Mandarin as much as those of RFA, RTI, and the VOA.

11785, PHILIPPINES, VOA at 1148 in Mandarin mixing with the CNR1 jammer with a man with talk with mentions of ìWashingtonî and into an interview at 1150 ñ Fair with CNR1 Apr 2

11915, CNR1 at 1132 in Mandarin // 9660, 9680, and 9845 in Mandarin jamming RTI in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Fair Apr 2

13690, CNR1 at 1317 // 11785 and 11845 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in

Mandarin (via the Northern Marianas) with an apparent radio drama with talk and oriental vocals ñ Very Good Apr 2

13830, CNR1 at 1321 // 11785, 11845, and 13690 jamming RFA in Mandarin via Tajikistan with the same radio drama with talk and oriental vocals ñ Very Good Apr 2

15330, CNR1 at 1324 // 11785, 11845, 13690, and 13830 jamming the BBC in Uzbek via Oman with the same radio drama with talk and oriental vocals and off at 1330 as the BBC switches to their Bangla service ñ Good Apr 2 ñ While not sharing a border with China, the Uzbek people do cross many borders including China, where according to Wikipedia they make up a minority population of just under 15,000, hence the Chinese decision to waste money and jam this one (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 15340, 0318, Firedrake Jammer fair with RFA just audible underneath ñ 26/3 (Ken Baird, Wainuiomata, New Zealand, R-5000. 45m wire, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

15425, VOA via Tinang. Strong signal with no noise or fading but equal level jamming! Heard with a Chinese talk at 0015 on 8/3 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom IC-R75, Realistic DX-160, Longwire), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CHINA. Summer A-17 of China National Radio in DRM mode
0100-0900 on 15580 DOF 030 kW / 016 deg to EaAs Chinese
or alt.freq. 17800 DOF 030 kW / 016 deg to EaAs Chinese
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/summer-17-of-china-national-radio-in.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Something new? Confirmed on air or merely scheduled? DOF = Dongfang, Hainan, also believed to be a major jamming site (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** CHINA [and non]. Summer A-17 new frequencies of China Radio International:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-china.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 890, HJCE, Cadena Radial Vida, Bogot·, ex Radio Continental/Radio Todelar.
1030, HJGX RPC Radio, Lorica, ex Caracol
1050, HJDR Vida, MedellÌn, ex Radio Unica
1080, HJJF Vida, Cali, ex Radio Eco
1360, HJRA Radio MarÌa, Pereira, ex Ecos 13-60 (Now all day with Radio

MarÌa programs)
1390, HJZY Radio MarÌa, Bucaramanga, ex La Primera (now all day with Radio MarÌa programs)

1. Vida 890 in // 1130 for various hours a day, in the night musical programs
2. Vida 1050 and Vida 1080 donít have any own QTHs; for the moment they relay the satellite signal from Vida Bogot· 1130 kHz (Rafael RodrÌguez via Mauno Ritola, ARC via DXWW II, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. Swedish sources say the station currently being heard off-frequency on 900.53 kHz is La Voz de Cali (Gert Nilsson in MW Offsets Yahoo Group via April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. Glenn and others, I'm not aware of anyone else picking up on the mudslide in Mocoa in the Department of Putumayo in south West Colombia. On 1300 kHz there is Radio Sindamanoy. Either it also is a victim of the mudslide and has been damaged: OR it is providing a vital function as a lifeline to coordinate relief and to keep people in touch. I have tried furtive contact with various DX sources without success. I hope that members of this Group and those who read the Digest can shed more light on the current situation for the radio station. 73 and 88 (Dan (owner of mwmasts yahoo Group), Goldfarb, UK, April 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 5910a, 0535, Al Caravan Radio with Latin rhythms & Spanish talk 5/3 on measured 5910.136.

6010a, 0603, La Voz de Su Conciencia with regular Spanish idents, talk & vocals. Poor with frequency wandering between 6010.139 and 6010.144 ñ not to be confused with co-channel Brazil on 6010.026 5/3 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

5910, ALCARAV¡N RADIO. Marzo 27. 0400-0413 UT. M˙sica de flautas y tropical. SINPO: 35343 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5910, Radio Alcaravan [sic] (tentative); 0316-0331+, 29-Mar; Spanish preaching & mentioned Colombia. SIO=343- with occasional uppops from co-channel QRM; must be something new for A17; Romania move? (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing scheduled between 0100 and 1130 in HFCC A-17, and the -0100 is

a standby. So QRM is spur or mixing product, overload? (gh, DXLD)

5910, March 31 at 0102, no signal from Alcarav·n Radio now that there`s no CCI from Romania. Still off at 0559. However,

6010.133, March 31 at 0559, music at S6-S8, presumed sibling station The Voice of Thy Conscience (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. 5910, April 1 at 5910, Alcarav·n Radio is still AWOL like last night, and I think so is Conciencia from 6010, where there is only a JBA carrier, too weak even for it, on 6009.93, which is probably Brasil. Both of them vary considerably above and below 6010.

5910v & 6010v, April 2 at 0044, both HJDHs are missing, not even JBA carriers on clear frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910 / 6010 kHz Not on air this morning. 0743 UT April 2, wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, April 4 at 0138, poor signal in Spanish so Alcarav·n Radio is back after missing a few nights. Also a VP signal on 6010+, probably its sibling Voice of Thy Conscience reactivated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. 6115, Radio Congo, Brazzaville, 1815-1840, 29-03, French, comments, Vernacular songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. Also R. Candip better than before on 5066.4 till just after 2000, and also stonger than usual (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 970, Radio Guam·, Los Palacios, Pinar del RÌo. 1059 April 1, 2017. Station theme at 1100, female ID, parallel 1070 kc/s. In extremely tight WFLA null while still on night power/pattern (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. [Re 17-13:] ``1190, CMKC Radio RevoluciÛn, Chivirico, Santa Clara``

Chivirico, Santiago de Cuba, not Santa Clara (Oscar de CÈspedes, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRTH: SC = Santiago de Cuba. Santa Clara city is in VC = Villa Clara province (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) Correct (Terry Krueger, FL, ibid.)

** CUBA. 5040, Radio Havana Cuba, Bauta. 0103-0147 8/3, English news; ID at 0108 followed by feature programs including sports, music segments and DXíers Unlimited with Arnie Coro. Good signal (Richard A. DíAngelo, Wyomissing, PA U.S.A. (Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Sangean ATS-909X, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

?? Should not be English at that hour; winter sked was 0000-0100 (gh)

Radio Habana Cuba in 31, 25, 22, 19 mb, March 19
All frequencies are on air 1 hour earlier from March 12
from 2102 on 9535 BEJ 100 kW / 230 deg to CeAm Spanish
from 2104 on 11760 BAU 100 kW / non-dir to NCAm Spanish
from 2106 on 13740 BAU 100 kW / 160 deg to SoAm Spanish
from 2109 on 15370 BAU 100 kW / 010 deg to WeEu Spanish
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/radio-habana-cuba-in-31-25-22-19-mb.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

5010, 0503, Radio Havana Cuba seems to be emitting a spurious signal on this frequency. Poor but // strong 5040 in Spanish 23/3 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

11856, Radio Habanna spur, 2318, 3/27/17, in Spanish. Man and woman talking about Cuba. // fundamental on 11670. Fair (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin. Equipment: Perseus, SDRPlay, RTL2832 V3 dongle for SDRís; E1, Satellit 800, PL 660, and various other portables for physical radios; 40 meters dipole, 100í long wire, Mini whip, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

typo? 11856v normally bears R Aparecida, while RHC spur is on 11850.0 out of the 11840 transmitter, as well as 11830 (gh, DXLD)

Re: [A-DX] Rebelde 5025 kHz nicht da
5025 kHz Bauta ist jetzt um 1237 UT in der Luft, S=6-7 in West CANADA. Grauzone jetzt ¸ber Oklahoma / Colorado; gehˆrt in Alberta Kanada.

So ab 0700 / 0730 UT d¸rfte wieder ein Sender in Bauta f¸r Rebelde 'frei sein'. Ein Sender in Bauta ist zur Zeit kaputt. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 29, A-DX via wb, DXLD)

Heute um ca. 0640 UT war Rebelde auf 5025 kHz gut aufzunehmen, aber keine Spur von RHC auf 5040 kHz. Die vier 49m-Band Frequenzen, 6000, 6060, 6100 u. 6165 kHz waren auch da, aber die 6060 war durch RTTY gestˆrt. ‹blicherweise ist Rebelde im unteren Seitenband durch RTTY beeintr‰chtig, aber heute war's RHC. 73, (RÈmy Friess, Gerance, March

30, ibid.)

[and non]. 5025even, Radio Rebelde, Bata Cuba S=7-8 signal, gray zone on Venezuela Colombia at this time slot. Appears usually back, after RHC Bauta programs closure, about 0640 ... 0730 UT irregularly varying time. One of their transmitter is in repair now.

and tiny weak underneath, 5025.024 kHz probably Radio Quillabamba, Quillabamba, Cusco, PERU station? 73 wolfie [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, For the very first time since 2010 year I was lucky this morning to access a SDR Server in Brasil in worldwide Perseus Net. 1015-1245 UT on March 30, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. Correxion to this report: frequency logged was 7365, as implied in the body, not typo 7465; fixed:

7365, March 29 at 0546, R. MartÌ is loud & clear, no jamming, while 7435 is jammed against nothing. The DentroCuban Jamming Command still hasn`t figured out the new RM schedule, which is in HFCC for all to see, i.e. 7435 only at 03-05, preceded and succeeded by 7365 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9805, March 30 at 1142, wall of noise jamming are strongest signal on 31m now, can`t hear R. MartÌ which is on 9805 at 10-13. Strangely, RHC 31m frequencies, 9850 & 9820 are JBA carriers, as are WRMIs on 9955, 9395. A Greenville frequency not jammed is 9610 for Vatican relay but also JBA carrier. I wonder if the jammers on 9805 are from the eastern end of Cuba which would be propagating better this early (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7435, March 31 at 0556, pulse jamming just in case, but wall-of-noise has now found R. MartÌ on 7365 at this hour, which however is atop the jamming here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 5025 kHz Radio Rebelde um 0602 UT in der Luft, "Vamos" song. Noch um 0600 UT war der Sender f¸r RHC Englisch auf 5040 kHz im Einsatz. 5040 kHz An der Ostk¸ste NoAM mit S=9+25dB um 0530 UT.

6165, Bauta in En um 0552 UT, S=9 Tr‰ger, aber seeeeeeeehr wenig Modulation.

6100, RHC English, starke St. S=9+30dB in MA/NY/MI-US mit guter Modulation, 21 kHz weites Signal um 0556 UT.

6060, RHC English, 24 kHz weites Signal, S=9+25dB aber kratzende Audio Modulation.

6000, RHC aus der TITAN station in Quivican, S=9+45dB POWERHOUSE Tr%ger, aber nur gesch%tzte 5 % Audio Modulation. Die Techniker in der Volksrepublik sind jeden Tag f¸r eine neue ‹berraschung gut. Bis zu 26 kHz weites Signal. Um 6 Uhr UTC spricht Mrs Almeda Valverde (was ein schˆner Name!) die englischen Nachrichten.

um 0600 UTC macht der Ingenieur in Bauta den Wellenwechsel von RHC English 5040 kHz auf 5025 kHz mit dem Radio Rebelde Programm in Spanisch. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, up to 0600 UT March 31, DX LISTENNG DIGEST) But not always what happens with 5040 & 5025 both on (gh)

13740. RHC. Marzo 31. 2130-2203 UT. Revista Nuestra AmÈrica con noticias sobre la actual sequÌa en HolguÌn, Cuba. Lectura de declaraciÛn de Corea del Norte sobre la caÌda de la ex presidenta de Corea del Sur. DeclaraciÛn de apoyo al gobierno venezolano. Acuerdo firmado por varias naciones en contra de las armas nucleares en la ONU. Gobiernos latinoamericanos firman declaraciÛn a favor de Palestina. Informaciones sobre Ecuador. A las 2134, notas deportivas. A las 2140 una entrevista con 2 acadÈmicos cubanos: el Profesor NÈstor GarcÌa Iturbe y el Profesor Jes˙s Arboleya, acerca de las relaciones con Estados Unidos y las acciones realizadas por el Senador Republicano Marco Rubio para sacar a Venezuela de la OEA. Entrevista a un deportista cubano que trabaja en el Estado Anzo·tegui en Venezuela. Reportaje sobre adultos mayores en Cuba. Reporte sobre un niÒo con problemas oncolÛgicos en Santi Spiriti. A las 2201 se dan datos de la emisora, frecuencias y solicitud de sugerencias. SINPO: 45444 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5025, April 1 at 0427, R. Rebelde is S9+45 of open carrier except for some noise; by 0502 modulating distortedly, and a 2+1 prolonged bong timesignal ending at 0501:46, but only 46 seconds late since the time check is for ``la una y una de la maÒana``. Since 5040 RHC is still on, leapfrog mixing products at S9 level come along with them, on 5010 where some RHC Spanish is audible, and 5055, nothing much at 0427.

5040, April 1 at 0503, RHC is still on but restarting 3-hour Spanish block instead of usual English! Iniciando esta revista giving times for it as 02-05 TUC, and as 8-11 pm local?? Should be 10 pm to 1 am EDT, with no intentional Spanish on SW after 0500. The playback is no doubt regular on the webcast and maybe FM. The four 49m channels are correctly in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. [Correcting previous log:] 13740, March 30 at 2101, finally catch an RHC frequency announcement in Spanish, opening the multi-target tarde program, in typical Soviet-style disorder: 13740, 11670, 11760, 11840, 9535, 9710, 5040. Those seem about correct tho I don`t have a chance to confirm each one right now as I`m mobile (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello everyone, I am hearing into Montreal, Canada, Radio Habana Cuba on 10715 kHz at 2352 UT, same frequency usually used by the HM01 cuban spy numbers. Audio cut out at 2357, then signal disapeared at 2358 UT (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal Canada, March 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11760, April 2 at 1643, poor S8 signal in Spanish must be RHC, the only frequency scheduled at this time of day; degraded propagation. Arnie`s A-17 changes don`t go into effect for another week until April 9.

17730, Sunday April 2 at 2300, RHC opening Kriyol broadcast. Shux, tuned in just too late to confirm whether Esperanto was at 2230-2300 on 17730, as announced on opening audio of this week`s program heard on website via http://www.radiohc.cu/eo (along with 1600 (wrong; 1500) on 11760; and 0700 [UT Sunday!] on 6000). VG signal anyway at 2300 on 16m, not always so.

In case Esp`o was still at 2130 UT, I had checked at 2142 April 2 to find Spanish on all these: 9710, 11760, 11840, 13740, 15370. At that time, 17730 & 11880 were off.

5025, April 3 at 0413, open carrier at S9+25 where there was nothing before 0400. Maybe R. Rebelde was waiting to take over the Progreso transmitter which finishes 4765 at 0400? No! That carrier is still on too, S9+35 vs CODAR. Meanwhile, modulated 5040 RHC is S9+40 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9610, RHC at 1140 // 9710, 9820, and 9850 with a possible Spanish version of Arne Coroís ìDXers Unlimitedî - Fair Apr 3 ñ Talk about over-use of a band! Just how many 31 meter band frequencies does RHC need at this time? Outside of DXers like me in North America and Europe and those on the Indian subcontinent just how many listeners does RHC think they really have? (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Hi Mark, if you are positive it was // the other RHC frequencies, it must have been, but be aware that Vatican Spanish via Greenville is still scheduled on 9610 at 1130-1200 [and only VR heard by me later]. Coro is showing up a lot on the ``Spanish version of DXUL`` which is `En Contacto`, but it`s scheduled Sundays at 1335, 2240, Mondays 0135 on bunches of frequencies. 73, (Glenn to Mark, via DXLD)

** CUBA. Re: Dictatorship attempts to report on a democratic process.

``It`s always amusing when a dictatorship attempts to report on a democratic process without any sign of embarrassment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Glenn, They are reporting to listeners outside of their country, so it's easy to do it with a straight face. I find it even more interesting their anal-ysis of said elections. Some of these places have a very 'democratic' electoral code: One person, One vote, Once. Regards, (Vince Ferme, Ottawa, ON, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not entirely; as heavily promoted on RHC now, they have three FM frequencies inside Cuba, supposedly to be expanded nationwide (gh)

** CUBA. CUBA INCREASES INVESTMENTS TO EXTEND DIGITAL TV SERVICES
http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=11051&SEO=cuba-increases-investments-to-extend-digital-tv-services

Sancti SpÌritus, Cuba, Mar 31 (Prensa Latina) Installation in this city of two new modern hybrid transmitters from Germany is part of the investment increase by Cuba to extend gradually digital television in the country.

Official in charge of the station RadioCuba in this central province, Jorge Felix Madrigal, told the media that the cost of the new technology was around 700,000 pesos and represented important progress to develop digital and high definition (HD) television in the island nation.

With this equipment, the radio-and-television-signal transmission center in San Isidro, located in this central province, has become the modernest and most powerful in Cuba, the expert specified.

Madrigal also explained that the equipment has great capacity for analogue and digital transmitters equally, bringing about improvement of the HD signal reception for more than 300,000 people from five municipalities in the province.

Currently, there are around seven HD transmitters in Cuba, but this one provides wider coverage. Execution of the digital-television project in Cuba began between 2013 and 2014 and according to figures by the Communication Ministry, around seven million inhabitants received these services in 2015. hr/iom/ga/ebr (PreLa via Mike Cooper, DXLD) DTV

** CZECHIA [non]. 9955. RADIO PRAGA. Marzo 31. 0200-0229 UT. Via WRMI. Noticias sobre la expulsiÛn de inmigrantes ilegales en la rep˙blica checa, reuniÛn entre Merkel y el presidente de Eslovaquia, condecoraciÛn de combatientes, reemplazo de un ministro checo,

informaciones sobre la campaÒa presidencial austrÌaca, encuentro sobre EconomÌa Digital entre Rep˙blica Checa y Eslovaquia. A las 0204, comentario internacional acerca del Brexit y los efectos en Gran BretaÒa y la UniÛn Europea junto con el papel geopolÌtico y econÛmico que tendr· la Republica Checa, con declaraciones del ministro de relaciones exteriores y el canciller checo quien considera la decisiÛn de Gran BretaÒa como negativa. A las 0210 con informaciÛn ampliada acerca de la limpieza general con una participaciÛn de empresarios, estudiantes y presos. A las 0213, Panorama Checo con una nota informativa de la pelÌcula: Trenes rigurosamente vigilados que obtuvo un “scar hace 50 aÒos. A las 2324, identificaciÛn y datos de la emisora y canciÛn en idioma checo. SINPO: 55444 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. Mauricio Molano has posted an apparently difficult to extract official list of Ecuadorian MW stations by frequency. Seems it is available only as an attachment to certain MW groups (gh, DXLD)

On 1330, the Quito outlet of Radio VisiÛn Cristiana is currently off the air, whereas Cuenca has been heard on several occasions with independent programming (Henrik Klemetz, April 4, MWDX yg via DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. 6050, 0530-, HCJB, Mar 30. Checked just about every day for the past week since arriving in Masset, but never heard a peep from the new transmitter for HCJB. Should have been a fairly easy catch if they were on the air (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) By then they were back to signing off at 0230v, instead of all night; and sign on at 0830? (gh, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. GERMANY, 11900, 1624-, HCJB, Mar 25. In listed Chechen at good level. A very different sounding language. Central Asian to my ear. Saturdays only, and one of the few HCJB programs anymore. I did check for 6050 direct from Quito last night, but nothing at all heard. At 1627 switched to Russian and gave HCJB ID and address and schedule. The address was in Voronezh, Russia, with the postal address listed as, 'Golos Andes' [instead of And? gh]. They gave the correct schedule, exactly. Carrier off at 1628:40 (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. An odd log on 9684.6 and some more of today's observations

Hi out there, an interesting UNID I just found: 9684.6 tuned into ongoing transmission at 2005 until 2020*, March 30, strong carrier, weak audio, woman talking slowly, probably news, presumed French but likely not a native speaker. Heard via Twente SDR in the Netherlands (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi again, likely this transmission is part of the Radio Cairo mess.

Found the station on 9684.6, again after 1900. Listed in A17-Eibi is 9685 R. Cairo Russian 1900-2000. It's definitely not Russian and it's African (not Egyptian) music. Signal is strong but modulation weak and with a hum. I checked the livestreams on
http://www.egradio.eg/
and found 12 out of 13 working (except the one labelled "English") but none of them // 9684.6. Time pips at 1930, presenter IDed himself just before, I believe: Osama Mohamed. Nigeria mentioned often. Checking Eibi-List again: R. Cairo Fulfulde should be on 15700 1845-2000, Hausa on 9325 1800-2100. 15700 shows no trace of Cairo and 9325 only a carrier. The odd one is most likely Fulfulde, though I can't identify the language 100%.

French, as presumed yesterday for 2000+, would also fit to Cairo from 2000, but scheduled 9895 as by A17-Eibi-list. Today, open carrier remains after anthem at 2000, off by 2003. Still carrier-only on 9325 and nothing on 9895 by 2006.

Got distracted by Sudan [q.v.] in the meantime: Want a beer now. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, March 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. QUR`AN READERS TURN OUT IN EGYPT WITH HOPES OF LANDING RADIO ROLE --- efe-epaMinya, Egypt 4 Apr 2017

http://www.efe.com/efe/english/varios/quran-readers-turn-out-in-egypt-with-hopes-of-landing-radio-role/50000269-3228127

[captions:] A file picture showing Muslim sheikh reciting the Quran at a radio studio in El-Minya governorate, about 250 km from Cairo, Egypt, Mar. 16, 2017. EPA/MOHAMED HOSSAM

A file picture showing Muslim sheikhs drinking hot tea before a contest to recite the Quran in El-Minya governorate, about 250 km from Cairo, Egypt, Mar. 16, 2017. EPA/MOHAMED HOSSAM

A file picture showing a Muslim sheikh holding prayer beads during a contest to recite the Quran in El-Minya governorate, about 250 km from Cairo, Egypt, Mar. 16, 2017. EPA/MOHAMED HOSSAM

A file picture showing a sheikh rehearsing the Quran in a corridor before a contest in El-Minya governorate, about 250 km from Cairo, Egypt, Mar. 16, 2017. EPA/MOHAMED HOSSAM

It has been seven years since Egypt last held a Quran reciting contest which sees hundreds of people applying to become the next "Monsheds"

and Quran readers at one of Egypt's oldest radio stations.

With high hopes of finding the nation's new Monsheds, or chanters of Islamic Hymns, the Holy Quran radio station has been scouring Egypt's provinces for the competition, as evident in images released by epa on Tuesday.

In Minya province, some 250 kilometers (155 miles) south of the capital Cairo, 91 people applied for the contest.

Hopefuls can be seen gathering at a radio station around cups of tea, waiting to read or chant into a microphone.

In costs an individual 200 Egyptian pounds ($11) to enter the competition, and each competitor has seven minutes in front of the judges to show off their skills.

Having your voice heard by 30 million people everyday is a great honor that very few manage to achieve, with the judges looking not only for perfect phonetics and pronunciation, but also character and personal style in the recitals.

Out of the 91 people who applied in Minya, only two made it to the next stage. The lucky two are to compete in the next round in six months time along with 16 others, among them four readers and 12 Monsheds (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 0522-0536, 30-03, African and other songs, Spanish, comments. Very weak. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non-log]. 7175, VOBME 2, on March 31, checking from 1425 to past 1502+; looking for an open carrier or any audio, but none heard; this was confirmed by the absence of any of the usual white noise jamming, that recently had consistently been starting at *1502, that is whenever VOBME was on the air. I scanned this area 1502+ looking for any white noise jamming (7146, 7175, 7180, 7185, etc.), but didn't hear any, so clearly VOBME was off the air today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing of ERI/ETH on 7146 / 7175 kHz this April 2nd morning, neither in service on April 1st. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. Summer A-17 of BaBcoCk Dimtse Radio Erena via SPL from March 26:

1700-1730 11965 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg EaAf Tigrinya Mon-Fri, not 11885
1730-1800 11965 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg EaAf Arabic Mon-Fri, not 11885
1700-1800 11965 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg EaAf Tigrinya Sat/Sun, not 11885
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/good-signal-of-babcock-dimtse-radio_22.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. When checked at 1640 to 1700 UT this March 31 afternoon, nothing on air from VOBME Asmara Eritrea - nor Ethiopia white noise jamming heard in 40 mb.

Only heard SOM Radio Hargeysa tonight on even 7120.0 kHz, S=9+20dB in Doha Qatar (was usually 1-2 Hertz on lower side in past weeks).

Next bc channel is 7204.984 kHz PBS Xinjiang Uighur service at 1650 UT, S=9+20dB also ... not Sudan on 7205 kHz,

Omdurman Sudan is on 9505.003 kHz at this hour, S=7 in Doha Qatar remote SDR. Latter heavily disturbed by adjacent TWR Manzini Swaziland on 9499.993 kHz. Scheduled 1630-1902 UT.

7236.974, Radio Ethiopia, at S=9+5dB signal at 1700 UT March 31, but signal also today unstable frequency, hops 10 to 20 Hertz up and down. 73 wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5950even, V Of Tigre Revolution, HoA music, S=9+5dB in Qatar and in southern Italy remote units too. 0359 UT Apr 2.

6029.996, R Oromiya noted at S=7-8 level in Doha Qatar. But in Germany heard US Radio Marti co-channel 6030, S=9+5dB instead, at 0414 UT on Apr 2 from Greenville NC-US.

6090.004, Radio Amhara, news in probably Amharic, presenter read like 'machine gun speed' reader. At 0404 UT on Apr 2, both S=8-9 signals in southern Italy and in southern Germany.

6110.002, Radio Fana, news heard at 0405 UT Apr 2, S=7-8 in Germany post, but S=9 in southern Italy remote SDR unit. But annoying BUZZ heard on upper sideband flank:

6110.115 kHz, co-channel BUSS MAKER, checked then at Delhi-India remote station, and heard there AIR Srinagar in Hindi, talk on Pakistan and Iran, mentioned many times at 0410 UT on Apr 2. S=9+15dB signal in New Delhi-India. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7236.37, April 3 at 0411, S7 talk but barely modulated, surely R. Ethiopia on its always-split variable frequency, which also carries some clandestine vs Eritrea (and nothing on 41m from the latter now) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 17765, 26.02.17 1745, FRANCE, R. Kallacha Wolubummaa Oromiyaa (Front for Independence of Oromia), via Issoudun, Oromo: MX. E-mail: wajirakwo@gmail.com (Roberto Pavanello in Vercelli (Italy). RX: EGZ DX 10, Icom R-71. ANT: EGZ LPF1R ferrite loop for reception of MW, 30-metre long wire, March DX Fanzine via Drita «iÁo, DXLD) Sundays only 1730-1800 based in USA (WRTH 2017 via DXLD)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS. SILVIA FERN¡NDEZ BARRIO, LA VOZ DE LA GUERRA PSICOL”GICA DURANTE EL CONFLICTO POR MALVINAS

La periodista recordÛ su pasado por radio Liberty, con la que se buscÛ desmoralizar a los soldados ingleses. El antecedente de la ìRosa de Tokioî y la ìOperaciÛn Moonshineî de los brit·nicos
Sociedad Por Alicia Panero 1 de abril de 2017

http://www.infobae.com/sociedad/2017/04/01/silvia-fernandez-barrio-la-voz-de-la-guerra-psicologica-durante-el-conflicto-por-malvinas/
(via Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Long story about the woman whose voice was ``Liberty``, also about counterpart Radio Atl·ntico del Sur, and antecedent Tokyo Rose (gh, DXLD)

** FINLAND. Scandinavian Weekend Radio on 11690/11720 at 0700 UT, videos --- Poor and weak signal of Scandinavian Weekend Radio on 11690/11720 at 0700 UT, videos
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/scandinavian-weekend-radio-will-be-on.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. Reception of Radio France International in Mandingo, Mar 31
0800-0830 15455 ISS 500 kW / 198 deg WeAf Mandingo Mon-Fri

1200-1230 17815 ISS 500 kW / 198 deg WeAf Mandingo Mon-Fri till June 3
1200-1230 15275 ISS 500 kW / 198 deg WeAf Mandingo Mon-Fri Jun 4-Sep 2
1200-1230 17815 ISS 500 kW / 198 deg WeAf Mandingo Mon-Fri from Sep 3
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-radio-france-international.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel was also early by passing along a copy of an almost instantaneous email response from Radio Channel 292, then had second thoughts closer to deadline.

ìHello Theo: a QSL card recently received from Channel 292 with excitement (it arrived 4 minutes after the report was sent) turns out, I think, to be a fizzer. On reading the email I think itís automatically generated and therefore isnít really a QSL at all! It was still good to get Channel 292 from Mosgiel, though``

This Channel 292 QSL was received by Jon Wood. However, he laments the fact that it is an automated response. Various people have differing ideas on what consitutes a QSL. To my mind it says QSL on it, he heard it and therefore it is a QSL. Others will have an alternative point of view.

We have the issue of stations which simply refuse to verify. We know we have heard them, we have recordings of them but the station wonít play ball with us. I remember years ago there was talk of the possibility of a group being set up within the League to verify reports.

This was dead in the water before it even started. Such an idea is perhaps not as silly as it sounds these days.

The question really arises - who would do such a job and who has the time? I would be very interested to see members thoughts on this issue. Write to Theo next month and tell us what your views are on the two questions above: a) what constitutes a verification - or when is a verie not a verie and b) should there be a group tasked with looking at reception reports for unverifiable stations? (April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

The no-data ``QSL`` card illustrated, depicting a 6225 crystal labeled Channel 292, a reel-to-reel tape recorder, a transmitter, and ``1975-2014 and still going strong`` also is annotated: ``Herewith we confirm your reception report. We are sorry, that because lack of support we can`t issue individual QSLs anymore.``

What kind of support? My answer: it doesn`t really matter. QSLs are NOT the be-all and end-all of SW/DXing. If you were a bird-watcher would you expect them to ``verify`` that you saw them? How about a photo made by yourself? Or equivalently here, a recording? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 6180, 0603, DWD (Deutsche Wetterdienst) with German weather news via 10 kW CUSB transmitter at good level 11/3. In clear when Brazil breaks down, which is frequently at present. Quick QSL response advises transmitter changing to AM mode soon (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, April NZ

DX Times via DXLD)

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai reports a good month for shortwave DX but mediocre conditions on medium wave. ìReports taken on DWD (Deutsche Wetterdeinst) 6180 with 10 kW and NHK via Sitkunai, Lithuania 5910 with final transmission from this site on 25 March. A prompt e-QSL response for DWD came from Wilfried Behncke, National NAVTEX Coordinator who advised, ëIn the next few weeks we will change our broadcastings from AME-format to AM and hope that reception with normal shortwave radios will be better.í (April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Deutsche Welle A17 Schedule
http://www.dw.com/downloads/38101396/a17webkw.pdf
73's (John, Faversham Kent UK, Hoad, April 3, BDXC_UK yg via DXLD)

1600 UT English: Germany now puts a great signal into South Florida on 21780 from Ascension Island every day in A17 that I've checked.
(Peter W Hansen, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non] Summer A-17 new frequencies of Media Broadcast relays from March 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-media.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. Christian Milling from Shortwaveservice announced:
Special program "Bye, bye Sitkunai" about the switch off of the Sitkunai [Lithuania] transmitter will be as follows:
2200-2300 5950 YFR 100 kW / 181 deg Cuba English Apr.15 via WRMI
1700-1800 9400*SCB 100 kW / 306 deg WeEu English Apr.16 via Bulgaria
1800-1900 7465 ERV 100 kW / 330 deg NoEu English Apr.16 via Armenia
2130-2230 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg CeAm English Apr.16 via WRMI
0000-0100 9395 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg ENAm English Apr.17 via WRMI
0300-0400 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg CeAm English Apr.17 via WRMI

* in A-17 9400 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg WeAs Farsi 1700-1800 SPL BVBroadcasting
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/special-program-bye-bye-sitkunai-will.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So the 9400 broadcast was rescheduled one hour earlier: 1600-1700 (gh)

** GREECE. Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 & 9935, March 29-30:
1800-0658 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek*tx#3 and off air
1830-0658 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek*tx#1 and off air
instead of 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek*tx#1 from 0500
* including 6 minutes news bulletin in Arabic and Serbian 0651-0657

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420.html

Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 & 9935 kHz, April 1-2:
1850-0920 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#3 & off air
from 1820 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek tx#1, no signal
on April 2 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek tx#1 tx is off
On April 2 till 0700UT Voice of Greece relay Sunday Orthodox Liturgy.
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420_2.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, April 4 at 0121, VOG is S8 with music, instrumental version of ``Sounds of Silence``, while on 9935 there are really sounds of silence ñ no signal. Consulting HFCC, you would not expect either, as ERT neglects to register anything, encouraging some other stations to be on 9420, including Iran`s silent Kamalabad site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 9475, March 31 at 1325, very poor signal with talk, while WTWW is still safely on night frequency 5830. In A-17, KSDA is now scheduled 12-14 on 9475 in various Chinese languages. So they are willing to risk collisions when WTWW forgets to switch to 5830 at night (Glenn Hauser, oK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM [and non]. 801 kHz, 1438-, KTWG, Mar 27. I initially thought this to be Rhema with C&W style inspirational music. Fair level. The bands are best (what there is of them) in the lower half. Japan is very modestly present with the first tier stations only (594, 693,747, 828, etc.). A weird morning!

Rechecking a few minutes later, at 1444 and very nice signal now. Same genre music. One of the strongest stations of the morning from DU. I went back and listened again to 801 at up to 1500 UT. At the TOH, a child gives an ID in American accented English. I now believe this is the 10 kW KTWG in AgaÒa, Guam, rather than Rhema [Nelson NZ, 1.5 kW]. I went back to the Perseus overnight TOH wav files. First het noted at 0900. I see LSS at Agana is about 0830.

First weak audio noted at 1100, and better each hour until 1400 when reception is very good. At 1358, they mentioned 'Through the Bible' program, and then a PSA about being a good Mom (limiting TV time, and not screaming at your kids, etc.). Everything with American accented English. Excellent reception through that hour, but not one voice announcement, unfortunately until 1500, when reception was starting to fall off. Thanks to Chuck Hutton for confirming my suspicion (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. Here is the A17 Spring/Summer Schedule of KTWR, Effective

March 26 2017. Address: Trans World Radio - Guam, P.O. Box 6095, Merizo, Guam 96916 USA. Reports by E-mail can be sent to: Rebecca Philyaw: rphilyaw@twr.org

Language	Time UT	Days	Frequency
Cantonese	1400-1430	Mon-Fri	9975
Mandarin	1015-1100	Mon-Fri	13710
Mandarin	1015-1100	Saturday	13710
Mandarin	1030-1100	Mon-Fri	12120
Mandarin	1145-1200	Saturday	11695
Mandarin	1130-1200	Sunday	9910
Mandarin	1100-1230	Mon-Fri	9910
Mongolian	1100-1115	Mon-Sun	12120
Cantonese	1115-1130	Mon-Sun	12120
Hakka	1130-1145	Mon-Sun	12120
Mandarin	1145-1200	Mon-Fri	12120
Mandarin	1145-1200	Mon-Fri	11695
Mandarin	1130-1145	Mon-Fri	11695
Mandarin	1315-1430	Sunday	9975
Mandarin	1330-1430	Saturday	9975
Mandarin	1345-1430	Mon-Fri	9975
Cantonese	1315-1345	Mon-Fri	9975
Mandarin	1415-1430	Mon-Fri	9975
Nosu Yi	1200-1215	Mon-Sun	11580
Korean	1345-1500	Mon-Fri	7510
Korean	1345-1515	Saturday	7510
Korean	1345-1515	Sunday	7510
Japanese	1215-1245	Sunday	9900
English	1315-1345	Saturday	7510
English	1345-1415	Sunday	9975
English	1430-1500	Mon-Sat	9975
English	1230-1300	Saturday	11695
English	1100-1105	Monday	11965
English	1115-1125	Tue-Fri	11965
English	1215-1240	Mon-Fri	9900
English	1100-1115	Tue-Fri	11965
English	1030-1100	Sunday	11965
English	1100-1130	Sunday	11965
English	1000-1015	Saturday	11995
English	1000-1025	Mon-Fri	11995
English	1015-1045	Saturday	11995
Madurese	1000-1030	Mon-Fri	11965
Sundanese	1030-1100	Mon-Fri	11965
English	1000-1030	Sunday	11965
Indonesian	1030-1100	Sunday	11965
Burmese	1200-1230	Mon-Fri	12040

Burmese	1200-1230	Saturday	12040
Burmese	1200-1245	Sunday	12040
S'gaw Karen	1230-1300	Mon-Fri	12040
S'gaw Karen	1245-1300	Sunday	12040
S'gaw Karen	1230-1300	Saturday	12040
Vietnamese	1245-1315	Mon-Fri	11580
Vietnamese	1245-1315	Saturday	11580
Vietnamese	1245-1315	Sunday	11580
Kok Borok	1230-1300	Mon-Fri	11695
Kok Borok	1245-1300	Sunday	11695
Dzongkha	1230-1245	Sat-Sun	11580
Santhali	1215-1230	Sat-Sun	11580
Hindi	1400-1415	Saturday	11695
Hindi	1315-1330	Sunday	11585
Hindi	1315-1345	Mon-Fri	11585
Assamese	1200-1230	Mon-Fri	11695
Manapuri	1315-1330	Saturday	11585
Telugu	1315-1330	Sunday	11695
Hindi	1330-1345	Sunday	11585
Nepali	1330-1345	Saturday	11585
Kashmiri	1345-1400	Sat-Sun	11585
Dogri	1345-1400	Mon-Fri	11585
Garhwali	1400-1415	Mon-Fri	11585
Hindi	1400-1430	Sat-Sun	11585
Hindi	1414-1435	Mon-Fri	11585

(Antonello Napolitano, Taranto, ITALY, March DX Fanzine via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

Reception of KTWR Trans World Radio Asia in English April 1:
1230-1300 11695 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs English Sat, weak to fair
1200-1230 11695 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs English Sat wrong in HFCC
1315-1345 7510 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs English Sat, very weak
1430-1500 9975 TWR 200 kW / 285 deg to SoAs English Mon-Sat, good:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-ktwr-trans-world-radio.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUANTANAMO BAY [non]. >> So whose bright idea was it to intermix unique prefices for US overseas entities, with CONUS ham calls?? Also the call-areas no longer seem to mean anything (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Let us know if you find the answer/reason. As an award chaser, I find it irritating. Regards, (Vince Ferme, Ottawa, ON, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There was a reply to this already (gh)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, 0513-, Radio Verdad, Mar 30. Really nice S9 reception with excellent modulation of Radio Verdad in English with 'old time religion'. Slow piano, southern accented preacher, etc.

Always much better heard here in Masset compared to Victoria. Best heard on my SW directed DKAZ (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DISCULPAS: EN RADIO VERDAD ONDA CORTA TENEMOS PROBLEMA SERIO CON EL AUDIO. EL TRANSMISOR EST¡ BIEN, PERO NO HE LOGRADO QUE EL AUDIO SALGA BIEN. MA—ANA SEGUIR… LUCHANDO HASTA QUE QUEDE BIEN.

I AM SORRY: IN RADIO TRUTH SHORT WAVE WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH THE AUDIO. THE TRANSMITTER IS ALL RIGHT, BUT THE AUDIO IS WRONG. I WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON IT TOMORROW UNTIL IT IS OK (…DGAR AMÕLCAR MADRID, RADIO TRUTH, 0600 UT April 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 4055. Not only all-caps but usual enlarged font (gh)

** GUINEA [and non]. BELGIUM(non), Reception of BRB Living Water Ministry Broadcasting, March 21:
1500-1600 9650*unknown probably PUG NEAs Korean Tue-Thu, fair to good
*co-ch on 9650 CON 050 kW / non-dir WeAf French Radio Guinea, Conakry
*broadband QRM 9515 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu Albanian R. Cairo
1500-1555

BIG PROBLEM in A-17 for BRB Living Water Ministry Broadcasting & Radio Guinea
1430-1730 9650 ZAH 500 kW / 289 deg NEAf Arabic VIRI IRIB PARS TODAY!!
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/reception-of-brb-living-water-ministry_21.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

vs. KOREA D.P.R. Radio GuinÈe Conakry vs Voice of Korea, March 30
0620&0730 9650 CON 050 kW / non-dir WeAf French R. GuinÈe Conakry
0730-1320 9650 KUJ 200 kW / 109 deg EaAs Japanese Voice of Korea

Other summer A-17 co-channels vs. Radio GuinÈe Conakry 9650 kHz are:
0700-1455 9650 MEY 100 kW / 275 deg SoAf Afrikaans R. Sonder Grense
1430-1730 9650 ZAH 500 kW / 289 deg NEAf Arabic VIRI, PARSDAY
1500-1600 9650 PUG 250 kW / 000 deg NEAs Korean Tue-Thu BRB LWBB*
2130-0020 9650 KUJ 200 kW / 109 deg EaAs Japanese Voice of Korea
*BRB LWBB=Clandestine Living Water Ministry Broadcasting via Alyx & Yeyi
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/radio-guinee-conakry-vsvoice-of-korea.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Guinea refuses to participate in HFCC; thus those who do, can claim to be unaware of it, or really be unaware of it, not bothering to rely on any axual monitoring or non-HFCC sources. Of course, DPRK is not in HFCC either. Guinea merely reactivated a frequency it had used years

ago, without any consideration of the present consequences. An 18-hour transmission on any single inband HF is still extremely risky and should require well-informed coˆrdination (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

9650, R. Guinea, Mar 31 0709-0718, 33333-34333, French, Talk, Bird's heading [??] and ID at 0714, QRM from RSG on c/c.

9650, R. Guinea, Apr 02 0710-0725, 33332, French, Talk and guitar's music, ID at 0713, QRM from RSG on c/c (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) = Radio Sonder Grense, RSA

9650, March 31 at 2250, S9 of dead air, surely RTG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ICELAND [and non]. 189 kHz, 0501-, Rikisutvarpid Ras 1, Mar 26. Very nice reception tonight. Once again, nothing to write home about with European stations on MW. Briefly heard 1215 Absolute Radio last night, but gone when I rechecked, and Iceland was heard also at poor to fair level. Much stronger tonight, but interesting, nothing on MW. Only using my ALA 100 aimed NE/SW, as the NW BOG is pointing in the wrong direction! (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Pictures of the 1000 kW medium wave transmitter at Chinsurah are found here:
http://airddfamily.blogspot.de/2017/04/1000-kw-mw-tx-chinsurah-bags-best.html
(Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 4 April 2017, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. 15040, AIR, Bengaluru. Chinese under CNR1 as jamming on 24/3 at 1305 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16 meters long own made), April Australian DX News via DXLD) See also CHINA [and non] 11845 jamming

15209.980, AIR Arabic service from Goa Panaji, Arabic news at 0510 UT April 2, heard music program, of Arabic singer in Cairo style of the 60ties. S=9+15dB here in Germany.

15185.005, AIR Hindi service from Goa Panaji, 0430-0530 UT, at 0515 UT S=9+5dB signal even in southern Germany. \\ Hindi music on much POWERHOUSE of AIR Bangalore on 15120 kHz, S=9+40dB.

AIR Bangalore also heard in Arabic 11670 kHz at 0454 UT on Apr 2nd, newscast, S=9+15dB signal in southern Germany. Nice audio quality of 10 kHz wide signal, always excellent performance work from the Bangalore staff. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3344.870, 1352-, RRI Ternate, Mar 25. Superb reception of RRI Ternate with lovely Indonesian music. Certainly better than any of the mornings I monitored from Masset in January. Some static crashes, but a nice S9 + 10 signal and excellent modulation. RRI Palangkaraya also very strong on 3325 with S9 + 10 to 20 at same time (with usual musical ID I've heard before). Multiple IDs mentioning Ternate at 1422. Continuing very strong! (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non]. 4870, 1425-, RRI Wamena, Mar 25. Good reception with good strength, except for a cochannel above at almost equal strength. Bahasa at 1427. Measured at 4869.916, while the cochannel is on 4870.389. Interesting that the song seems to identical to the one played on Ternate at this time! At 1430 a darn ute came on just below, on 4867.55 which I needed to notch out! As for the power, I see Aoki lists only 300 watts, so what is it? Better by 1437 when the ute is gone again, and signal has also picked up (It's very close to our LSR). Off at 1500 in mid song. No sign off announcements.

[WRTH does not hazard a guess as to power in the domestic Indonesia sexion, but shows 10 kW in the frequency sexion == gh]

The station on 4870.396 is very undermodulated and continues in the clear after 1500. I'm presuming this must be the Indian station from Delhi? Gone when rechecked at 1545. Thanks to Ron Howard for elaborating: Wolfgang Bueschel noted it to be a Clandestine from India to Kashmir from 0230 to 0330 on 4870.304 in Urdu, while Ron noted it on 4870.27 as AIR Delhi with scheduled Nepali at 1357 (1330 to 1430) earlier in the year. Clearly them.

4870, 1352-, RRI Wamena, Mar 26. This morning, I recorded RRI Wamena from 1352 to sign-off just after 1500. Reception was very difficult due to continuous OTH Radar from the start to 1439. An ID for RRI Wamena (sounding like 'R R EE Wamena' with the R's rolled at 1357. At 1436, despite difficult OTH QRM, I could hear 'Voice of Indonesia' mentioned. Listening carefully, it looks like they were talking about an RRI app available. A nice clear ID at 1452 for RRI Wamena. At 1458, a brief choral ?anthem, followed by the hauntingly beautiful 'Song of the Coconut Islands', and then a very rapid male speaker, which I couldn't follow. Nothing about RRI in what he said, but back to the Song of the Coconut Islands for a few more seconds and off, right around 1500. Plenty of static crashes for the last 15 minutes or so.

4870, 1350-, RRI Wamena, Mar 30. Best reception yet on measured 4869.908 with great reception, besides some static crashes. As usual, need to use LSB to avoid the Indian above 4870. Off at 1448 this morning with 'I am sailing' in background with talk (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9524.94, V. of Indonesia, Apr 01 1415-1425, 34332, Indonesian, News, ID at 1422.

9524.94, V. of Indonesia, Apr 02 1249-1302, 34332, Japanese and English, Music, Japanese closing announce at 1258, ID at 1300, Opening music and opening announce (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9524.95, VOI, 1358, April 3. Ending the segment in English with clear ID. Recently several stations have been heard well above their normal reception, this one and Radio Vanuatu. Due to propagation? My audio of ID at
http://goo.gl/maJ8fB
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non]. 1650 kHz, GULF OF MEXICO oil rig beacon a/k/a TBFKASAC. 1009 April 1, 2017. Poor in CINA, WHKT, XEARZ and the local I-275 HAR co-channel with the current format of short then 10-ish second dash cycle, still pointing WNW. A tad stronger in the same hour the next day. Confirms the strong 1650 identical format dasher beacon in Euro waters being reported isn't this transmitter, relocated (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 9550. Mar 30 at 0149, Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran, Kamalabad, in Spanish. Woman announcer talks News; Interview with a man about BRexit and European Union situation; ID. Fair transmission, 35332. Parallel on 12025 kHz, Kamalabad-IRN, it¥s signed-off today. (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

How do you know 9550 is Kamalabad?? That site was closed several months ago, not clear whether temporarily or permanently. HFCC A-17 has duplicate registrations for the 0020-0320 Spanish on 9550 both for KAM, 500 kW at 259 degrees, and for SIRjan, 500 kW, 295 degrees. So possibly KAM is on standby status at least (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, 7530, V. of Spring, Mar 31 *1700-1713, 35333, Farsi, 1700 s/on with IS, ID and opening announce at 1700, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. Radio Ranginkaman and Sedoye Bahar via BaBcoCk Grigoriopol, March 31

Radio Ranginkaman Radio Rainbow
1700-1730 7575 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri, weak to fair

Sedoye Bahar Voice of Spring
1700-1730 7530 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg WeAs Farsi Thu/Fri, weak to fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/radio-ranginkaman-and-sedoye-bahar-via.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. 7730, UT Sunday April 2 at 0045, VG WRMI with long list of MW & SW logs; all seem correct altho pertaining to B-16, but lacking in detail. 0054 outro as Italian SW Panorama from Marconi Radio International, carried by IBC Radio, via WRMI; 0055 on to MFSK32 beeping as usual for final pentaminute; IBC has now been converted to English, and appears to qualify as a DX program (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. 774, 1528-, JOUB, Mar 26. Excellent reception with, I thought initially was an Arabic lesson, but by 1529 in Brazilian Portuguese for sure. Not listed in the January 2017 PAL, which indicates English lessons until 1520 s/off. Nope, not this Sunday! A bit earlier, plenty of cochannels. Very powerful, absolutely armchair copy. Sign off at 1535 today. A Mandarin speaker came up at 1536:20. Hubei RGD is who is usually found here.

1026 kHz, 1432-, Multiple stations, Mar 29. Whereas the last two days were dominated by 4MK, today the Japanese have returned in strength. There are 31 transmitters listed in PAL for NHK 1 network here, all with 0.1 kW. Good to very good reception. However, I could still hear a little English cochannel, with a phone number and the same kind of programming as 4MK, so presumably still them cochannel, although much weaker. Listening again, I'm quite certain I'm hearing an ID for DZAR and the Sonshine Radio Network, but will need to confirm this (a Filipino, 25 kW from Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines).

1440, 1601-, JOWF (STV), Mar 25. Checking this frequency for the American Korea AFN station(s). Nothing definite heard, but a very strong Japanese station with 'All night Nippon' clearly heard at armchair copy. Presumably JOWF from Sapporo, Hokkaido with 50 kW. I can weakly hear cochannels, but I'm not able to tell whether these are domestic, or other TP stations.

1440 kHz, 1616-, JOWF, STV, Mar 26. Armchair copy, with very weak cochannel (domestic presumed, although could be AFN Korea). What caught my eye [sic], was the young YL DJ mentioning, 'Dobryi vechir' twice, which means good evening in Ukrainian, and likely other Slavic languages. Interesting!

1575, 1100-, AFN, Mar 28. Interesting, as I hear two AFN feeds, not in sync, but both with news. No local IDs. The dominant one, 'You're listening to AFN', then what sounded like 'KPR news'. The other feed is almost 20 seconds later. Could make out 'worldwide' when they started the news there. Presumably the dominant one is Misawa, while the other one has to be either Iwakuni or Sasebo. Not often both are heard simultaneously (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. FRANCE. 6105. NHK. Marzo 29. 0350-0401 UT. Dos hombres hablan en japonÈs hasta las 0359, luego habla una mujer, se escuchan pitidos horarios a las 04 UTC y al parecer prosiguen informaciones. SINPO: 45454 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

11985 (?) UNKNOWN SITE, NHK World Japan, 3/27, 2030, just signing on. News by Woman and man in tag-team. Fair and very choppy on SW-2000629/ATS-505, 20' wire. I don't currently have this referenced. Rough propagation made it difficult to be positive on language. F/G with erratic propagation (Rick, a.k.a. Barton, AZ, some logs from the patio picnic table listening post. Unless otherwise stated, logs are with a Longines Symphonette 4597 "World Traveler" with whip antenna, and a RadioShack SW-2000629/ATS-505/Model 20-629/DX-402, and a 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) French via MADAGASCAR (HFCC A17)

9560, April 3 at 0333, NHK with Japanese lesson for Swahilis, S9+40 the SSOB! 250 kW, 320 degrees via MADAGASCAR toward South Dakota, while very little is making it on 31m from Europe or North America (altho unusually, WBCQBS 9329 is stronger than WRMI 9395 & 9955)(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. INDIA, 4950.12, AIR-Srinagar, Mar 30 1426-1436, 35333, Kashmiri, Talk and music, ID and theme music at 1430 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 765 kHz, 1423-, KCBS, Mar 26. I was hearing one of the Japanese on frequency at fair to good level, when a cochannel male came on with strident speaking, which I am assuming should be North Korea. By the time I checked for // frequencies, Japan came back at very good level (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Walt, I'm not so sure that there is a 765 in North Korea. I mean, I know technically there should be, but I've never *once* heard it, just like 882. It was just never, ever there. A lot of the stations were off for many months at a time, but these two frequencies never appeared even after they fired up everything on their soil at once for New Years Day 2016.

I didn't really monitor 765 actively (you can see it doesn't even appear in my guide, aside from 765 Daejeon in the daytime, and I couldn't hear that clearly from 60 miles away at night), mainly because it was too trashed that I could never get a stable signal. So I'm not saying the station isn't there since I know it's low power at only 50 kW and quite far from my location along the border, but --- I never once heard it in more than a year. Has anyone else logged it? (-Chris Kadlec, Seoul AM Radio Listening Guide http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/seoul/ IRCA via DXLD)

765: NK was only logged once in 2003 from Grayland and no trace of it since.

882: was a yearly visitor to Grayland (usually poor) and off frequency on 882.4. I haven't noticed it in several years, but that could be a combination of not having our NW Beverage pointed at Korea and the relatively poor propagation in recent years (Chuck Hutton, ibid.)

So that`s who it is causing a huge problem to 882! On every wav file where there`s anything on 882 from Feb. Grayland I`ve got that het from above. It`s almost always weaker than 882 but it`s kind of hard to avoid by going to the LSB when 880 is so loud. I`ll go back and see if I can pull some audio. Korea/China were coming in pretty well during a late February visit to Grayland this year (Bill Whitacre, ibid.)

Yes, carrier fading out now after 2000 also here in Finland on 882.3v kHz. Audio confirmed via Seoul // Pyongyang BS 3250 kHz (Mauno Ritola, April 3, ibid.)

Checked carrier from Grayland wav files last month and it`s 882.3 also. No discernible audio yet though (Bill Whitacre, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 1584 kHz, 1409-, Bubble jammer, Mar 25. Very well heard with bubble jammer. Only heard on my NW BOG, and not on the ALA 100 (aimed NE/SW). NHK 1 network also heard, often at good levels (100 w only). Is this North Korea, possibly? On checking for //, I'm also hearing probable KBS 1 with 1 kW. Interesting channel! Both Chris Kadlec, and Mauno Ritola confirm it's North Korea, likely jamming the Chinese transmitter in Harbin. Thanks, fellas! (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Walt, Here is some additional information regarding 1584 kHz. bubble jamming. - - - - The following is from Amano-san and Chulsu-san, on March 30, in response to a question put forth by Mauno Ritola, regarding bubble jamming on 1584 kHz. Ron

"Hello! Ron-san, I'm sorry for taking rather a while to reply to it. Could you please forward this answer for information on to Mauno-san?

Answer from Chulsu-san (Republic Korea):

Mr. Mauno and Mr. Ron, Thanks for your question.

I can hear bubble jamming in Seoul at 1584 kHz. Meanwhile, the Chinese broadcasting station was also heard. The following link is the received audio in Seoul. Please listen to it.

2017/03/28 2309KST(1409UTC) MW 1584kHz Recevied in Seoul, Korea
http://k003.kiwi6.com/hotlink/3bckb0sedc/170328tue2309_Seoul_1584kHz.mp3
(03min15sec - 03min26sec 1575kHz, 03min29sec - 03min48sec 1593kHz)
I also recorded frequencies around 1584 kHz.
You can hear Chinese stations with 3 frequencies.

This is my personal opinion. I certainly feel that North Korea is sending jamming waves at 1584 kHz. But, there are few broadcasting stations targeted by North Korea to transmit jamming waves at 1584 kHz. This frequency is used from South Korea is "KBS-1 Daejeon, Geumsan Relay Station" and "KBS-1 Jinju, Suncheong Relay Station" are two broadcasting stations. Both broadcasters are 1 kW broadcasters, small power. I think that North Korea is not sending jamming waves to these two stations.

Currently I think that it is difficult to identify where jamming is being sent from, and what the purpose is. Best regards, Chulsu" (via Ron Howard, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A slight correction: I *think* (can't 'confirm') it is from North Korea (could be an unintentional mixing product from other frequencies) and I *don't* think they are trying to jam Chinese transmitter in Harbin. 73, (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

Thanks, Mauno. That would make more sense! Cheers! (Walt, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, KCBS (Korean Central Broadcasting Service) 3/30, 1300. Soprano vocalist, patriotic music. Fair with shortwire (outdoor) and SW-2000629 (Rick, a.k.a. Barton, AZ, some logs from the patio picnic table listening post. Unless otherwise stated, logs are with a Longines Symphonette 4597 "World Traveler" with whip antenna, and a RadioShack SW-2000629/ATS-505/Model 20-629/DX-402, and a 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. At a frequency of 4405 kHz from 1430 to 1630 UT and from 1730 to 1830 UT, their signal in Tomsk (Western Siberia) was not heard. Yours faithfully, (Andrey, Tomsk, Russia, "deneb-radio-dx" via

RusDX 2 April via DXLD) As on some schedules; a feeder? (gh, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 6100, 1508-, KCBS, Mar 26. I just might have a chance for Afghanistan today, as KCBS is suppressing their upper side band today, so only AM + LSB. Fingers crossed! (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See AFGHANISTAN

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. Dallas has advised through our DX Dialog group page & added also notes of the following interesting hf utility monitoring information:

Iím hearing on 17079.4 Korean with Mixed CW, and also a Swedish CW IíD as SAG from Goteborg, Sweden, and overridden at times, by Cantonese voice (Male) with Mil EMSís. And now and again the usual Korean Mil Music. From 17070 to 17085 there are many active Mil CW transmissions mainly Chinese, Russian, and lately North Korean. I doubt that any International SW Station would use these frequencies. DM ñ Dallas McKenzie, Buller, New Zealand, HF:- Icom IC-R70, with long wire N-S (100ft), and 20ft whip (30ft above ground), FRG 7700 with long wire E-W (60ft), and, a Degen 1103 (for Stand by), April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6040, March 31 at 1300, Shiokaze opening with music is very poor at S6 on latest new frequency, tnx to Ron Howard tip, since March 26 for first portion of A-17. We are now into the yearpart when 6 MHz is just too low for decent propagation this far into the dayside (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JAPAN, Summer A-17 frequencies of Shiokaze Sea Breeze from March 26:
1300-1400 6040 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs as follows
1300-1330 Chinese Mon; Japanese Tue/Sat; Korean Wed/Fri/Sun; English Thu
1330-1400 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese Tue/Sun; English Thu

1405-1435 6090 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs Japanese Daily, co-ch CNR2

1600-1700 7215 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs as follows
1600-1630 Chinese Mon; Japanese Tue/Sat; Korean Wed/Fri/Sun; English Thu
1630-1700 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese Tue/Sun; English Thu
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/summer-17-frequencies-of-shiokaze-sea.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. TAIWAN, Reception of Furusato no Kaze on 6155 kHz on April 1:
1700-1730 6155 TSH 300 kW / 352 deg to NEAs Japanese, weak/fair

Today no signal of Nippon no Kaze and Furusato no Kaze on 7335 kHz:
1530-1600 7335 TSH 300 kW / 352 deg to NEAs Korean Nippon no Kaze
1600-1630 7335 TSH 300 kW / 352 deg to NEAs Japanese Furusato no Kaze
1630-1700 7335 TSH 300 kW / 352 deg to NEAs Korean Nippon no Kaze
Only CNR-2 7335 BJI 100 kW / 255 deg to EaAs Chinese until 1605 UT
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-furusato-no-kaze-on-6155.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. CLANDESTINE A-17 of clandestine broadcasts to North Korea via DB/TAC:

Radio Free North Korea
1200-1300 on 15630 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, same in A-16
National Unity Radio
1200-1500 on 11550 DB 100 kW / 071 deg to NEAs Korean, same in A-16
Voice of Wilderness
1330-1530 NF 7615 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, ex 7620 A-16
North Korea Reform Radio
1430-1530 on 11570 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, mixing with:
1430-1500 on 9500 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg to SoAs Hindi Wed-Sun FEBA!!
Voice of Martyrs
1530-1700 NF 7510 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Kor/En, ex 7515 A-16
North Korea Reform Radio
2030-2130 NF 7500 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, ex 7585 A-16
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-of-clandestine-broadcasts-to.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 1062 kHz, 1605-, KBS 1, Je-il Radio, Mar 26. Very powerful signal. Korea, again, is coming in very well this morning. I do note a 1 kHz tone in the background.

1386, 1611-, HLAM, Mar 26. Not sure who's on 1386 at this time, playing David Bowie. Ah, it's MBC // to 900. Good to very good levels (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6003. ECHO OF HOPE-VOH. Marzo 28. 0925-0932 UT. M˙sica con jammer proveniente de Corea del Norte y que se encuentra marcado. SINPO: 41221 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. Reception of KBS World Radio on March 26:
1300-1400 on 9645 KIM 100 kW / 319 deg to CeAs Russian, same in A-16
1400-1600 NF 9880*KIM 250 kW / 264 deg to SoAs English, ex 7215 A-16

*strong co-ch 9880 XIA 500 kW / 292 deg to CeAs Russian CRI from 1500
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/reception-of-kbs-world-radio-on-9645.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30,
2017, via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. TDF Denge Kurdistan vs SPL Brother HySTAIRical on
March 26:
1400-1404 on 11600.0 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs open carrier,
BaBcoCk music &
1404-1600 on 11600.0 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex 1300-
1700 in A-16
1600-1604 on 11600.0 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs open carrier / dead
air and
1604-1900 on 11600.0 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish Denge
Kurdistan over
1900-2030 on 11600.0 KCH 300 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Kurdish Denge
Kurdistan over
1600-2000 on 11600.4 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English Brother
HySTAIRical

Summer A-17 schedule of Denge Kurdistan by transmitters
0230-0500 on 11600 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish
0500-1400 on 11600 KCH 300 kW / 130 deg to WeAs Kurdish
1400-1600 on 11600 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish
1600-1900 on 11600 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish
1900-2030 on 11600 KCH 300 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Kurdish
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/tdf-denge-kurdistan-vs-spl-brother.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30,
2017, via DXLD)

Minor transmitter change of Denge Kurdistan, Apr 4
1600-1930 on 11600 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex 1600-1900
1930-2030 on 11600 KCH 300 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex 1900-2030
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/minor-transmitter-change-of-denge.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. The following stations were all active and audible in Phnom
Penh, Kampong Cham and Kratie CBG between February 11-18th: Vientiane
567 kHz, Savannakhet 585 kHz and Luang Prabang 705 kHz (Alan Davies
via Mauno Ritola, ARC, 8.3.2017 via DXWWII, IRCA DX Monitor April 8,
published April 4, via DXLD)

** LAOS. 6130, 1451-, Lao National Radio, Mar 25. Compared to January,
a much better signal, but still impossibly sandwched between 6125 and
6135, both splattering terribly. Still, I can make out that it's in
English with about a S9 + 10 signal. Take away the splatter, and it
would be armchair. 6125 should be CNR 1, while 6135 Korea. Nice Lao

music at 1458. Time pips at 1500, and definite 'Vientiane' heard. French for certain, and this corresponds to my sources available. I'm pleased with this logging!

6130, 1431-, Lao National Radio, Mar 26. Much better reception this morning with English not starting until 1431:20. Would be close to armchair if not for splatter, but at least my SAM is locking on without any difficulty. Into English news. No IS or gongs before the start. Presumed Mandarin before them. I'm measuring 6129.977 kHz. Very good at times! S9 + 10 signal. Much improved as I continue to listen. Far above any splatter within a few minutes of starting. Short fanfare between each story, which is purely about Laos, and read by Lao speakers, as English, though not too hard to understand, is clearly accented. A quick check for MW // on listed 567 only revealed a very powerful JOIK from Sapporo, Hokkaido with 100 kW. No chance there. News all the way to 1451. ID as Lao National Radio, then gave frequencies as 567 (Megahertz, I'm sure she said!), AM 6130, and an FM frequency, and an on-line address. Brief Lao vocal. April 27 to 30th, 1982 was mentioned. A concert of some sort. A bit more splatter again at this time. Lao music from 1459 to 1500:25. Still in English then, with end of program details. French ID at 15:01 (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. 6050, ELWA Radio, Monrovia, 0615-0624, 30-03, English, religious comments and songs. Very weak. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Reinante, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA [non]. 5910, 0439-, Radio Japan, Mar 25. I was hoping to catch the very final broadcast from the Sitkunai transmitting site, but alas, no such luck. All that I could hear was Alcarav·n Radio, weakly, from Colombia, although it appeared that there were two transmitters on the air, both above the nominal frequency. Perhaps I'll see the transmitter go off the air on the Perseus waterfall. I checked at 0500. Sure enough, just before 0501 a carrier very close to the nominal frequency (I measured 5010.002) cut off. Alcarav·n's transmitter continued with a wobbly carrier between around 5910.044 to 5910.057. It was also much stronger. Goodbye, Lithuania! What a glorious history since I first tuned into Radio Vilnius so many years ago! (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA [non]. Bye, bye Sitkunai: On air schdedule

Dear all, the already announced special in English language about the switchoff of the Sitkunai transmitter and the Lithuanian radiohistory will be aired as follows:

TO WESTERN EUROPE
1701-1800 UTC [Sun] April 16th on 9400 kHz via SpaceLine, Bulgaria

[Dear all, There was a mix-up in Bulgaria as for the airtime. The correct broadcast timeslot is ONE HOUR EARLIER:

TO WESTERN EUROPE
1601-1700 UTC April 16th on 9400 kHz via SpaceLine, Bulgaria

Sorry for the inconvenience. Best regards, Christian, April 6 [too late to correct on WOR 1872, but 1873?]]

TO NORTHERN EUROPE/BALTICS
1800-1900 UTC [Sun] April 16th on 7465 kHz via Noratus, Armenia

TO NORTH AMERICA
0000-0100 UTC [Mon] April 17th on 9395 kHz via WRMI, USA

TO SOUTH AMERICA
2200-2300 UTC [Sat] April 15th on 5950 kHz via WRMI, USA
2130-2230 UTC [Sun] April 16th on 9955 kHz via WRMI, USA
0300-0400 UTC [Mon] April 17th on 9955 kHz via WRMI, USA
[the last one will pre-empt WORLD OF RADIO!]

Currently there are no plans to broadcast to Asia, Africa or Australia due to budget reasons as this show is financed completely by me privately.

As already mentioned there will be a special QSL card. To obtain one, please note this rules:
- I will only send printed QSLs, no eQSLs.
- please add return postage (minimum is 0,45Ä for Germany, 0,90Ä for Europe or overseas, no IRCs, as the post office hardly accepts it)
- RRs containing only "man talks, music, man talks" as details aren't sufficient and won't be answered
- multiple RRs will be answered on the same QSL card.
- shipping of QSLs will start in June 2017 earliest.

QSL-Address: Shortwaveservice - Kuchenheimer Strafle 155 - D-53881 Euskirchen - Germany

You may find these rules annoying, but travelling, production and airing took much time and money, so it's important to me, that the audience appreciates the content and not only the QSL.

Anyway, I hope you'll enjoy the show. Best regards, (Christian Milling, shortwaveservice, April 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 15420.015, BBCWS English via Talata-Volonondry relay, at 0504 UT on Apr 2, news item today President election in Serbia, S=9+25dB in Germany. 12 kHz wideband signal. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 6190. LA VOZ ALEGRE. Marzo 28. 0328-0350 UTC. M˙sica instrumental, luego avisos de la emisora e identificaciÛn a las 0330. En seguida m·s m˙sica instrumental hasta las 0335 con avisos sobre salud fÌsica, la fisonomÌa femenina y la alimentaciÛn como parte del microprograma: Segunda juventud, luego se habla de las rutinas de ejercicios, la vida despuÈs del C·ncer. A las 0342, m˙sica instrumental. A las 0344 programa: Lamentos del alma con lectura sobre la vida de ElÌas basado en el libro de 2 de Reyes. SINPO: 45434 con leve desvanecimiento de la seÒal. A las 0333 con SINPO: 45444 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Reception of World Christian Broadcast, Madagascar World Voice, March 29 [partial] MWV 100 kW
1800-1900 9570 / 355 deg EaEu Russian tx#1 KNLS New Life Station
1800-1900 17640 / 310 deg WeAf English tx#2 African Pathways Radio
1900-2000 11945 / 355 deg N/ME Arabic tx#1 Radio Feda
1900-2000 9820* / 355 deg EaEu Russian tx#2 KNLS New Life Station
2000-2100 13710 / 340 deg N/ME Arabic tx#1 Radio Feda
* instead of 9720 MWV 100 kW / 355 deg to EaEu Russian tx#2 in A-17 HFCC Database
Wrong winter B-16 announcement in Russian: 1800-1900 on 9570 and 1900-2000 on 9495!
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-world-christian-broadcast.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15515, African Pathways Radio, Madagascar. Fair 0308, just above noise level, English programming, NF for A17, 1/4 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Perseus SDR, Yaesu FRG-7, Murphy B40, DX Engineering Preamp, Wellbrook feeder isolator, Icom IC-746, Loop Skywire, Home-made Loop with LZ1AQ amplifier, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

Are you sure this is APR, rather than the `KNLS` English hour? I haven`t been able to hear this either, but supposed to be targeted to India with appropriate azimuth. Ivo did guess it was APR but I don`t think so. Also, the 17640 APR English broadcasts don`t mention the 0300 but the 0400 on 11825 which is certainly also APR. 73, (Glenn to Craig, via DXLD)

APR might have been an assumption - I haven't written down an ID. Wasn't a great signal, but clearly Madagascar. Didn't have the

Perseus recorder going at the time (I think it was on the FRG7 anyway), so can't go back to check. Worth another look, but will have to wait for the weekend. Regards, (Craig Seager, Thu April 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. Results of a monitoring project on the Mali relay station of China Radio International in the first few days of the summer season 2017

schedule:
0800-0857: 7295 Hausa
1400-1557: 17630 English
1600-1657: 15125 Arabic
1800-1827: 11640 Hausa
1830-1927: 11640 Arabic
2230-2257: 15505 Chinese not checked (after midnight CEST)

comments:

1. Since 2013, DXer have noted the parallel use of 17630 kHz from Urumqi and Bamako. This can also be observed in this season. Urumqi is on at 1200-1500 h UTC and Bamako at 1400-1600 h UTC. At 1400 h, the double occupancy is not noticeable by a stronger signal but by an echo effect. At 1457 h, however, you can observe how the stronger signal from Urumqi breaks away. Interestingly, the 1500-h-broadcast is announced as a repeat broadcast, although it comes in an as-if-live format.

2. In 2016, listening experts also paid attention to the Arabic broadcast at 1600 h, because a frequency offset of 15124 kHz was observed here. The exact frequency did not make it look like a mistake of a wandering station, but the frequency was corrected to 15125 kHz in the meantime. Compared to the almost hectic word-oriented English programme, the Arabic programme sounds absolutely relaxed. In fact, a lot of Arabic pop music is played (Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 30 March 2017, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You are right and even a slight frequency separation can be noted in deep-zoomed waterfall as below [Perseus screenshot]. Today with geomagnetic storm it was actually Bamako stronger than Urumqi here. Best regards, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

Came home now, and checked CRI Mali 15125 kHz at 1655 till transmitter off at 1702:03 UT. When checked against standard 15 MHz frequencies could measure exact 15124.9985 kHz on March 30. 73 wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I think still last winter I heard them at least a couple of times

continue in Swahili 1700-1800, but seems, that even that has been dropped. 73, (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

** MEXICO. 560, XESRD, Santiago Papasquiaro. 4/1 1159 - ID and "La tremenda" slogans. This is seemingly the only station in Durango that can still be heard here. According to Wikipedia, this station has been told NOT turn off their AM because too much coverage area would be lost. Relog.

650, XEEJ, Puerto Vallarta JAL. 4/1 1200 - Faded up before XETNT with nice clear ID including calls, studio address (Av. Francisco Villa 549, Colonia Versalles, CP 48310) and toll-free number (1-800-000-93-50), all of which exactly match what I found on the station's web site. Relog, but haven't heard these since the early 1990s when they were semi-regular here.

660, XEEY, Aguascalientes AGUAS. 4/1/1200 - Surprised to find them fighting through KTNN with ID mentioning Grupo Radiofonico ZER. I was 99% convinced these guys had finished moving to FM but they haven't. Relog (Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA (between San Diego and Tijuana) Perseus SDR-IQ, 560 ft unterminated mini-BOG aimed SSE(/NNW), ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 690, XEN, MÈxico DF. 1058 April 2, 2017. Anthem in progress, male "XEN..." then abruptly obliterated by WOKV day power up mid-FOX news. Not in time to hear the recent format shift, as per Raymie Humbert in DXLD 17-13, who reports this is now simulcasting the also DFer 1150 kc/s XEJP El FonÛgrafo (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Re: XEWW-690 Rosarito BCN is off --- Rats, it just got dark and they're back on the air (Tim Hall, 0258 UT Mar 30, ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. XEDP was noted off frequency on 4 March at 1152 UT ñ frequency 709.87 kiloHertz.(Tim Tromp in Michigan, reporting to RealDX Yahoo Group via April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Sitting on a retaining wall at the back corner of my small backyard, to connect to my new antenna. Everything is on batteries. Here is what I've found on this morning' s recordings so far (all times UT):

880, XEAAA, JAL, Guadalajara. 3/31 1159 - Esne Radio Spanish Catholic programming, but cut away to run the Mexican anthem just after 1200. I'm noticing them on some of my other recordings from the new wire. Usually but not always //KURS-1040, KWST-1430, KHPY-1670. NEW. (Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA (between San Diego and Tijuana), Perseus SDR-IQ, 560 ft unterminated mini-BOG aimed SSE(/NNW), ABDX via DXLD)

1030, XESDD, Puerto Nuevo BCN. 4/3 0405 - Somebody goofed tonight. They're relaying XEPE-1700 (about a minute behind) with ESPN network talk and "ESPN 17 hundred" slogans. Both stations are owned by the same cheater, but 1700 is leased out to the same folks who lease XEPRS-1090 from someone else (Tim Hall, San Diego CA - Toyota car radio. Dates/times UT, ABDX via DXLD)

Nice relog this morning: XEJL-1300 --- One of the things I really like about the new mini-BOG is its ability to knock down El Paso / Ju·rez-area pests, the worst of which is XEP-1300, whose 40 kW signal tends to obliterate everything on the channel (even at the Border Inn beverage site).

This morning at 1201 UT while XEP had a "laser burst" and ID, I had another station alongside them signing on with the Mexican national anthem. As I suspected, it turned out to be XEJL Guamuchil, Sinaloa. At 1201:35 they gave a call ID and mentioned 1 kW power. Nowadays they are using the slogans "la J-L", "J-L FM" and "99.3 J-L", referring to their FM simulcast. After the ID they went into their first program of the morning which is called "MaÒanitas Sinaloenses." Not a new catch, but I believe I haven't heard this station for about 25 years.

P.S. Another big El Paso pest is KHEY-1380. I've hardly heard a peep out of them on the new antenna, and I've been pleasantly surprised with 3 new catches on 1380 this month (Tim Hall, Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA (between San Diego and Tijuana, Perseus SDR-IQ, 560 ft unterminated mini-BOG aimed SSE(/NNW), March 30, ABDX via DXLD)

[and non]. New logs - XEBS-1410, XEKB-1410 --- With former pest XECF seemingly out of the way for good (i.e., apparently moved to FM and turned the AM off), I've been spending a lot of time listening to 1410. The past few mornings I've had two Mexican anthems every morning, one around 1158 UT and one around 1201 UT. After listening to my recordings from yesterday morning several more times, I was able to identify them:

The anthem at 1158 UT is XEBS "La M·s Perrona" in Mexico City.
The anthem at 1201 UT is XEKB - simply "14-10" - in Guadalajara.
Both are new catches from home.

Although XEKB does occasionally ID (as noted from the Border Inn beverage site), the easiest way to ID them is to catch the address of their studio (Francia 1783, Colonia Moderna) which they give shortly after the anthem around 1203:20 or so.

I also heard the Mexican anthem at 1159 UT on 1400 kHz, which initially got me excited (since most or all of the 1400s in western

Mexico have apparently already moved to FM), but them I realized it was probably just KUNX picking up the anthem from the Radio Formula network feed, as I have previously heard on the Arizona station that carries Radio Formula. 73 (Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA (between San Diego and Tijuana, Perseus SDR-IQ, 560 ft unterminated mini-BOG aimed SSE(/NNW), March 30, ABDX via DXLD)

1440, XEABCJ, Tonala JAL. 4/3 0500 - Nice ID, mention of ABC Radio affiliation, into Mexican anthem. Relog, but not noted for many years. 73 Tim (Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA (between San Diego and Tijuana), Perseus SDR-IQ, 560 ft unterminated mini-BOG aimed SSE(/NNW), DXing from the back of my backyard, ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. The following stations reported off the air:
1190, XEJPA, La Mexicana, Cuernavaca.
1340, XEASM, …xtasis Digital, Cuernavaca.
1520, XEART, SeÒal 152, Jojutla (HÈctor GarcÌa Bojorge via Mauno Ritola, ARC via DXWW II, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, March 31 at 0057, Radio EducaciÛn announcing a long list of affiliate stations around the country, all or mostly on FM. Wish I had been recording to copy them all. Are they 100% relays? S9+25 and good modulation, much improved. Hope XEPPM can keep that up, especially with no Brazilian ACI from 6180. Note that DF goes on DST April 2, so this will be closing at 0500* instead of 0600*.

Strangely, they have two rather different websites:
https://www.e-radio.edu.mx/
http://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx/

Where I find no affiliate listings. Monthly program sked grids are at
http://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx/carta-programatica-del-mes
the lower one for SW 6185 only, at 18-24 local, soon to be 23-05 UT. But we think it`s often on air before 23, presumably carrying MW 1060 program feed; not in local mornings (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6185.000, Mexico ist schon seit einigen Wochen genau auf der Frequenz, XEPPM in Spanish, S=6-7 in NoAM (Wolfgang B¸schel, up to 0600 UT March 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- [not including any DTV]

A lengthy radio saga stemming from a 1998 contract and a 2004 falling out appears to be coming to an end.

A Mexico City court has ruled in favor of Grupo Radio Centro

http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/articulo/cartera/negocios/2017/03/31/infored-y-gutierrez-vivo-pagaran-757-mdp-radio-centro
in its longstanding dispute with Infored, finding that the latter and its head JosÈ GutiÈrrez VivÛ must pay 757 million pesos (US$40 million).

In a press release to the BMV, GRC announced the court's latest, and apparently definitive, finding in the case, in which an amparo was denied to GutiÈrrez VivÛ.

GutiÈrrez VivÛ took to Twitter to vent his frustrations, writing "Our country's justice system is an embarrassment".
https://twitter.com/JGutierrezVivo/status/847987685541072896
(Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, March 31, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Well, at least now GRC have money for paying their new radio stations (Gargadon, Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, ibid)

The bids alone for those stations are 250 million pesos, so that still leaves them with a ton of moneyñthat is, if GutiÈrrez VivÛ can pay (Raymie, ibid.)

So I came across something I didn't know I'd see this week: the SCT versions of the tables, from the year 2000! Wonders untold!

Most of the surprises were on TV, and I found several of them when I found an older version of Doug's TV database. These include larger Hidalgo, San Luis PotosÌ and Yucat·n state networks than exist today, as well as a number of local Patronato stations that presumably relayed others if they were built. (One of these was operated by a Lions club, XHLSM-7 in Matehuala. Another was way up the dial, XHAPP-54 Agua Prieta, Son.)

XHIA, XHJMA and XHCG were still on the tables, as were the unbuilt 90s stations in the north like XHNSO and XHPON.

One unbuilt station was a real headscratcher: XHHGO-11 Actopan, Hgo. (Instituto PolitÈcnico Nacional). It would be interesting to hear how this one fell off the wagon. This would have accompanied the first wave of IPN-built Once TV relays, like Cuernavaca, San Luis PotosÌ, Valle de Bravo and Tijuana.

All of the stations I found on FM that were oddballs I've talked about before or seen before. For instance, there are the seven FMs of the Tabasco state network ó of which just one of the original permitted stations survives. There was also a station you'd never see permitted today, XHASP-FM 95.5 Valsequillo, Puebla, for the Africam [sic] Safari Park ó*a 10-watter probably used to loop information around the park.

These survive in FMList, for some unknown reason (there are also stations I cannot find any proof of existence for in there ó and I do mean ANY!). (Raymie, April 2, ibid.)

A brief update on the Televisa authorization for multiprogramming Gala TV that "takes it away" from regional partners. Culiac·n and Mazatl·n have been confirmed as two of the five, so that would leave Tepic (also confirmed), MÈrida (the only one in Yucat·n), and probably Ciudad ObregÛn (Raymie, April 5, ibid.)

** MICRONESIA. V6AK, Chuuk, 1593 kHz has improved their ground system and are running some disaster preparation programs, has been reported often in Japan (Dave Stanley via Mauno Ritola, ARC 8.3.2017 via DXWWII, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. MONG”LIA, 12035, R. Voz da MongÛlia, Khonkhor, 0944-1058*, 05/4, programas de 30 minsutos, cada, em mongol, mandarim, ‡s 1000, e em japonÍs, ‡s 1030; 35443. Desta vez, o sinal manteve-se em perda bastante lenta, atÈ ao fecho (Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves, SW coast of Portugal HF obs. 30 Mar-05 Apr, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5985, Myanmar R., Mar 27 1424-1431, 33443, Burmese, Talk, SJ at 1430.

5985.01, Myanmar R.. Mar 30 1326-1336. 34443, Burmese, Music and news, SJ and gongs at 1329 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 7425, March 30 at 0717, RNZI is good at S9+10 with PNG news, on its latest new frequency, now scheduled 0659-1258 daily, the last bihour on the NNW antenna worse for us.

7425, March 31 at 1258, RNZI is VP with QSY announcement to 5995, which from *1259 is relatively good as to be expected (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGET)

** NIGERIA. 7254.94, V. of Nigeria, Mar 29 0655-0705, 35333, Hausa and French, Closing announce at 0656, Drums IS from 0656, ID at 0658, Opening announce, News.

7254.94, V. of Nigeria, Apr 02 0725-0733, 35333, French and vernacular, Talk, French closing announce at 0727, Drums IS from 0727, ID at 0730 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Either this low band is propagating thru noontime on the dayside, or it`s (very) long-path; which would be less likely? Apparently Kouji does not use remote receivers (gh, DXLD)

7254.924, April 5 at 0547, VON is already on with pop music prÈlude, about 10 minutes before it will start its percussive identification signal prior to Hausa hour. Usual very good level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. USA [sic, so ruling out Canada for sure?] 6940, 0110-, Pirate, Radio Free Whatever, Mar 26. Pirate at fair level already, with still a couple of hours before LSS. No announcements in the few minutes I've monitored. Usual fishermen net on 6915 LSB (much stronger), while 6940 is just barely visible on the Perseus waterfall. After dinner, at about 0235, DJ Dickweed was wondering if there was actually anyone out there listening. He asked for postings to the HF Underground, or to DickweedDJ@gmail.com. Acknowledged reception in Alabama, and into music. Good+ level by this time. Another pirate on 6925U at the same time. Fair only. Dang! Forgot about VOA Radiogram on 5745. Off I go! (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE, 6955, 0115-, unknown, Mar 25. After setting up my ALA 100 and NW Bog, the first station logged is a pirate at weak level. Not bad as it's not LSS for another 1 hour and 50 minutes. Suspect I'm receiving a signal off the back end of the BOG (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. UNIDENTIFIED, 6960.1-USB, April 1 at 0615, something in SSB here with talk, bits of music, so presumably pirate. First stopped at 6961.75 but hard to clarify, tuning up and down with no carrier to lock onto, then sounds best at 6960.1, stops at 0619*. Nothing reported around here on HF Underground or Free Radio CafÈ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940.0-USB, April 2 at 0035, soul music at S9+25, still 0055, finally 0104 Wolverine Radio ID inserted, still 0115. Mostly on the PL-880 portable with reelout, sufficient while the bigrig is bandscanning. Always the strongest 42m pirate here, this time compared to 6950 RFW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950.0-USB, April 2 at 0034, pirate music at S9+5; 0044 ID for Radio Free Whatever; 0108 acknowledging reception reports probably from HFUnderground; 0109 looking for an ad to play before next music, but can`t find it. Several other logs here: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,33840.0.html I mostly heard him on the PL-880 portable with Lithium Ion battery power, so qualifies for the ABDX Coordinated Monitoring Event. Meanwhile another pirate on 6940, and competing music shows on 3215, 5085 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNID 6930

** NORTH AMERICA. USA [sic], 7615, 0330-, Pirate, YHWH, Mar 26. Good reception, but with a telephone quality modulation. Total lack of any bass response with his usual rant. Speaks of Russia, Iran, Iraq, etc. Modulation lacks some clarity (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7615, YHWH (Pirate), 3/30, 0250. Talk on church sell-outs, people working for Satan, quoting from Isaiah, Judges and Leviticus; several references to "jealous God" and a few direct mentions of the call letters "YHWH", so I'm not calling this the station "formerly" YHWH. At [03?]:41, said writers of new testament were inspired by demons, "Thank you for tuning in". Signal dropped at 0349. Station last heard by me in late FEB on 5790 kHz. Solid S-9 thru most of broadcast, with some long deep fades (Rick, a.k.a. Barton, AZ, some logs from the patio picnic table listening post. Unless otherwise stated, logs are with a Longines Symphonette 4597 "World Traveler" with whip antenna, and a RadioShack SW-2000629/ATS-505/Model 20-629/DX-402, and a 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7615, 0454-, Pirate, YHWH, Mar 30. Excellent S9 + 10 signal, with usual telephone quality audio. Encouraging listener to burn your flags, due to man-made satanic governments. 'White Jew boys', etc. Ouch! Heard best on my SW DKAZ antenna. Faded down in a major way after 0500. Station YHWH mentioned a number of time, along with either email address or website. Not sure. Off at 0509 UT (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7615, April 3 at 0328, I can tell that Station YHWH is on, VP signal, but what else could it be? Better S8 at 0338 when I can hear Martin K Elliott with his usual Yahweh stuff; off at next check 0406 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6924.89-AM, April 4 at 0132, pirate music at S8 but off at 0134*. One other log of this unID, by Joe Filipkowski, Warwick RI, on 6924.9 at 0055-0059, on HF Underground (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 930, UT Saturday April 1 at 0453 UT, Spanish here is still WKY, but it`s sports talk, not music! Long string of promos, jingles from ESPN Deportes, national feed giving times in Pacific and Eastern, and who cares about the Great Center of America, let alone the Mountains?? During otherwise Spanish, the letters ESPN are always pronounced in English to avoid invoking images of penises, altho such a macho connexion would seem to be apt. How much coverage of women`s sports is there, anyway?

0457 UT local ads including a Dodge dealer in Midwest City, Goodwill Industries (in Spanish they should say benevolencia or buena

voluntad); PSAs for how to impress girls, drunk driving. I keep listening for the ToH ID at 0500 UT, which says ``WKY, Oklahoma City, 930AM, WKY``. The call letters are pronounced in English, altho they don`t have to be (but doble-ve ka i griega is a bit more cumbersome, less so doble-u ka ye). {There was never a worse callsign for a SS station, all three letters being ``foreign`` to Spanish!}

No mention of ``La Indomable`` which has been its brand for eight+ years already, and back to ESPND. Recheck at 1435 UT, still Spanish sports talk, no music!

Radio-locator.com still has its format as ``Regional Mexican``, i.e. frenetic oom-pah-pah music, a staple on our dials for years. The website still exists under the old name
http://www.laindomable.com/
but all the Noticias on the homepage are about sports, notably including European soccer games. How much of an audience in OK is there for that, in Spanish to boot?? But it still plugs at least one DJ program, outdated? `El Show de Mandril`, L-V 7-12 am (meaning before noon?). Will have to wait until April 3 morning to confirm whether that still exist. I suspect not, as radio stations have this all-or-nothing mentality about formatting. Or is this a bad joke for April 1?

Newspaper ad from November, 2014, DJs presumably jobless now:
http://www.w4uvh.net/WKY930AM-ad.jpg
Their nicknames meant Roadrunner, the Little Doll, the International.

If you search on ESPN Deportes you get stuff about the cable TV channel, finally leading to this:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ESPN_Deportes_Radio
which shows affiliates in only 18 states, of course not including Oclajoma. It links to website
http://espndeportes.espn.com/radio/index
which turns out to be a File Not Found. Grrr.

Also nothing recent in radioinsight or radiodiscussions concerning WKY

DXLD archives: see
http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld9004.txt
at the beginning of 2009y for reports on when La Indomable started, after some shorter-lived format attempts on 930. Refers to ESPND being on KINB 105.3, apparently a related station, so what`s on 105.3 now? Sports talk in English, at 1518 UT April 1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 5810, March 31 at 0604 UT as I am tuning past WEWN, the DJ is talking about two new Catholic frequencies about to

launch ``muy pronto`` in Oklahoma City! And will carry EWTN. No details beyond that. Anything likely in the OKC listings here? http://radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/locate?select=city&city=OKLAHOMA+CITY&x=12&y=5

Format column makes no distinxion for Catholic among other Christians, or even ``Religious`` (safely assuming that too is nothing but some Christian ilk). However ``Spanish Christian`` applies only to 93.9 KWDW-LP. Nothing on its website about EWTN nor any other frequency: https://www.salvacionradio.org/

I don`t find any affiliate list linked at
http://www.ewtn.com/espanol/index.asp
but I do notice that the clock in lower right, clicking second-by-second, with ``times in different cities`` is way off, and apparently not reading my computer clock either. At 1619 UT it claims the time in Miami is 9:00:00 am, and also in Bogot·, which is one hour behind Miami, etc., etc. Don`t you believe anything else asserted by WEWN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 90.1 FM, March 31 at 0540 past 0550 UT, KUCO dead air, net feed from WCPE overnight classical having failed. This could go on for hours, unless someone of KUCO be awakened to fix it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 92.1 FM, whenever checked, no signal from KAMG-LP, Enid, in the past two weeks or so, after lots of dead air. Gone for good? (Glenn Hauser, March 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 7, KOCO ``5``, OKC, local news hour, April 3 at 1432 UT flashes a map graphic showing St. Petersburg on the Black Sea coast! About where Sochi really is. Another good reason local stations should leave world news to the networx (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) DTV

** OMAN. BBC Al Seela Oman on air again this April 2nd morning. In German DX group told a Babcock/BBC feed failure on 6195 kHz yesterday afternoon, scheduled 6195 kHz 17-19 UT noted with endless tape advice, to switch to www Internet site of BBCWS.

13580, OMAN, BBCWS English at 0448 UT on Apr 2, S=9+20dB here in southern Germany. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman; 1417-1425+, 25-Mar; English feature re nuclear power, oil, environment, etc. with brief Arabic music bumpers. Feature ended at 1428 to about 45 seconds of nature sfx, bird calls & water flowing? 1428:11 RSoO ID, into more sfx to BoH, ìÖwe are more than just musicÖî. SIO=2+52+ with QRN waves

(Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Radio Oman, Thumrait. 26/3 at 1530 with program in English(!). Usually their broadcasts in English in B16 were at 0300-0400 on 9540 & 1400-1500 on 15140 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16 meters long own made), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** PARAGUAY [and non]. FALLECI" EL PASTOR JOS… A. HOLOWATY

31/03/2017 --- Gracias a la informaciÛn brindada por el colega sueco Henrik Klemetz, nos enteramos que el pasado domingo 26 de Marzo de 2017 falleciÛ el Pastor Jose Holowaty, cuya recordada voz era oÌda hasta hace unas dÈcadas en la ya desaparecida emisora KGEI, que transmitÌa en onda corta desde San Francisco, California, Estados Unidos.

Resultado de imagen para jose holowaty [capciÛn]

Holowaty estaba establecido en Paraguay, en donde creÛ y dirigiÛ a RadiodifusiÛn AmÈrica [1480]

En el excelente sitio
http://programasdx.com/delayer3.htm
se conserva un audio suministrado por Ruben Margenet correspondiente a KGEI. El 31 de julio de 1994, KGEI La Voz de la Amistad, cerraba para siempre sus transmisiones desde San Francisco, California, Estados Unidos. Pero aÒos atr·s, precisamente hasta 1991, habÌa emitido un programa destinado a los diexistas de apenas cinco minutos varias veces al dÌa (1305, 0335, 0705 por 9615 kHz y 0005 por 15280 kHz) con la realizaciÛn y conducciÛn de Samuel A. RamÌrez y Benito J. Quintana basando el contenido del espacio en temas extraÌdos del libro ìShortwave Radio Listening with the expertsî. La ediciÛn que escuchar·n refiere a la tarjeta QSL. Precede y sucede a ìDX Internacionalî una voz legendaria, la del Pastor JosÈ Holowaty, que presenta el programa e identifica a KGEI (GRA blog March 31 via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD) See also USA

** PERU. 5980. R. CHASKI. Marzo 29. 2300-2311 UT. Hora en Red Radio Integridad, luego avisos de la emisora y un pequeÒo devocional. SINPO: 33343 con QRM de otra emisora en una frecuencia cercana.

5980. R. CHASKI. Marzo 30. 0006-0018 UT. M˙sica coral. A las 0008 avisos e inicio de programa devocional con el tema del egoÌsmo. SINPO: 54444 con QRM de PBS en 5979 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via

DXLD)

5980, March 31 at 0059, carrier from R. Chaski axually with some talk/music mod audible, presumably usual network feed from Red Radio Integridad; until autocutoff at 0104:11*, which is 14 seconds later than two nights ago, March 29 until 0103:57*, = averaging 7 later per. The slippage rate seems to be varying slightly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. 684 kHz, 1405-, Unid, Mar 30. Not sure who this is that dominates the frequency over the Japanese this morning. Quite certainly Tagalog (or maybe Bahasa?). Hopefully my ToH recording will solve the mystery. 3 Filipino stations are listed (DYEZ, DWJJ, and DZCV) and a single RRI Mataram. By 1414, China replaced the Japanese and ?Filipino station (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

990, 1439-, Mar 29. Almost certainly a Filipino station here, but suffering from a lot of adjacent splatter. Two cochannels, but the dominant had that typical style of a Filipino station. I was expecting to hear JORK (an NHK 1 station in Kochi), but no sign of that one. I don't think it's a domestic, either, as most of North America is well into daylight. Suffering from splatter from 999 and 1000. Three Filipino stations listed. I'm seeing a number of carriers with 989.999 the strongest, 999.004, .009, and .016 as well.

1062 kHz, 1455-, DZEC, Radio Agila, Mar 30. Good reception with Filipino talk, into EZL female vocal. On the waterfall, I'm seeing 7 transmitters: 1061.991, 1061.992, 1061.995, 1062.000 (strongest), 1062.002, 1062.005 and 1062.007 (also strong), with the strongest being the one closest to nominal. Of course, as usual (!), signal faded down to almost nothing before the TOH. I'm assuming DZEC, as it fits most closely to the format (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Radio Veritas Asia, 15225 kHz: F/D QSL card, acknowledgement card, 2 stickers and bookmark in 230 days. It should be said that the QSL is dated 15 September 2016 and sent on 26 January 2017. In the meantime I sent a F/UP on 13 January 2017. The reply came 63 days after my F/UP but apparently they acknowledged my original reception report. A few days before I also received (See DX Fanzine nr. 42) a N/D acknowledgement card, 2 stickers and Waterproof Bag Case for Cell Phone with RVA logo, by registered mail. V/S: Arlene A. Donarber (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto-ITALY)- (March DX Fanzine via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 7345, 0304-, Radio Romania International, Mar 25. Whereas in January, Radio Sakha dominated this channel, tonight,

it's RRI in Spanish at very good level. Sakha is cochannel, but far weaker. 7295 is there, but a below audibility. Interesting while checking, ZZ2T ham was on 7294. Italian accent, but where is that prefix from? (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) BRAZIL

9730. Mar 30 at 0208, Radio Romania International, Tiganesti [sic], in Spanish. Man announcer talks News; ID; 0213 Program "Sociedad"; 0221 ID an program "Vale la pena visitar Romania". Good signal and fair modulation, 45433. Parallel log on 7375, 35433; 9510, Galbeni, 45544 and 11945kHz, Galbeni, it¥s a awful transmission (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

It seems I am the only one who spells it Tsiganeshti. The reason is that the real name in Romanian has cedillas under the T and the S, which makes them sound ts and sh. If you can`t or don`t want to make those special characters, you should respell it, and other Romanian words/names fonetikaly like this! (gh, DXLD)

LETTER FROM INTERRADIO ROMANIA

"Dear Dmitry, Received your message, thank you very much for your interest in our programs. Unfortunately, in the correspondence with our listeners, recently there have been problems, due to the change in the way of financing the Romanian radio, more precisely the transition from the fee for TV and radio broadcasting, which financed our activity until February to funding from the state budget. At the moment, the Romanian radio conducts a tender for postal services, immediately after the completion of these procedures, correspondence by regular mail will be resumed. All reports received in all versions of the IRI will be confirmed by QSL cards, which, by the way, were already printed for the entire 2017 year. We hope that the completion of tender procedures will occur as soon as possible.
On behalf of the entire editorial staff of the Russian IRR service, we apologize and hope that you will remain our listener and friend.
We are sending you a big greeting from Bucharest!
Russian service IRR (Dmitry Elagin, Saratov, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX 2 April via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Songs about radio amateurs. Max Leonidov. Composition iRadiolyubiteljî ("Radio Amateur") + lyrics. In Russian.
http://hitcrazy.ru/hc-song/maks-leonidov_radiolubitel
(Ruslan Slavutsky, Moscow region, Russia, (RusDX 2 April via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. The fate of powerful broadcasting. Chukotka and Magadan want to revive SW Broadcasting! The issue is being worked out in Moscow. Broadcast SW will be a radio center in Elizovo, Kamchatka

Territory - 2 SW of transmitter for 100 kW of type "Thunder" and "Purga"
http://dxing.ru/forum.html?func=view&catid=14&id=19034&limit=8&start=48#36710
(RusDX 2 April via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. Reception of Radio Itahuka via MBR Talata Madagascar, April 1:
1800-1900 on 15420 MDC 250 kW / 320 deg to SoAf Kirundi Sat, very weak signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-radio-itahuka-via-mbr.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Kirundi [sic] --- as discussed extensively here recently, it`s for Rwanda, not Burundi, thus surely in Kinyarwanda language (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAO TOME E PRINCIPE. VOA, via Pinheira, 1530 kHz: F/D QSL CARD and leaflet in 244 days. The QSL mentions full A16 period instead of my date of reception, (29 June 2016) full 0300-0400 block hour instead of my time of reception (0326-0336). Only frequency is correct while transmitter site was omitted! The envelope includes the following stamp: "Shipped AUG 05 2016"! Report sent to: letters@VOA.gov, askvoa@voanews.com, lettersuser@voanews.com, voanews@voanews.com. Luckily, see DX Fanzine nr. 35, I already got a F/D, including transmitter site, E-mail message from Helena de Menezes, Manager's secretary, IBB S„o TomÈ Transmitting station in one day. The report was sent to: HMENEZES@bbg.gov (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto, ITALY, March DX Fanzine via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 17660, BSKSA, Riyadh. French on 21/3 at 1401 ñ already several months with faulty sound like repeating echo. The broadcast is at *1400-1600* & not till 1800 as is in WRTH (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16 meters long own made), April Australian DX News via DXLD).

** SEYCHELLES [non]. Summer A-17 of FEBA Radio via BaBcoCk Trincomalee probably will be:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/uknon-reception-of-feba-radio-via.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** SIKKIM. [Re 17-13] AIR Gangtok back on the air --- Hi Glenn, At my location this morning (March 31), only able to hear strong OTH radar on 4835 kHz, which totally blocked any chance of confirming AIR Gangtok back on the air, but received the following update today.

From Gautam Kumar Sharma(GK), (Abhayapuri, Assam, India):

"I have observed All India Radio(AIR)-Gangtok back on air today morning i.e. on March 31st around 0059 UT (signing on with AIR signature tune, Bande Mataram Song, opening announcements in Nepali by a lady, music) onwards on 4835 kHz with good strong steady signal. It was observed that AIR-Gangtok was off the air on 4835 for past several days. Here is the link to the audio recorded of AIR-Gangtok around 0101 UT on 4835 kHz."
http://goo.gl/wop7UJ
[Excellent recording - Ron]
(Ron Howard, California, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4835, AIR Gangtok. After being silent for some days, heard their open carrier on April 1, at 1256; another day of OTH radar strong QRM, but the carrier was strong enough to cut through it (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. WHY IS SHORTWAVE RADIO STILL ALIVE?

If you use the internet to listen to streaming audio and podcasts, you could be forgiven for assuming thereís no need for shortwave radio any more. It seems many broadcasters appear to agree, with stations dropping their shortwave services year after year.

But not so fast. Shortwaveís not dead, say its proponents. Rather, itís in a state of transformation. Not only does it still provide a vital service for the many millions of individuals worldwide who donít have access to the internet, but this medium also has a certain ëmagicí which, we discovered, is very hard for its fans to explain.

In this entertaining, full-length feature, Gavin Shoebridge asked shortwave listeners from across the globe to explain why they still use the service, why they donít ëgo digitalí, and where they think shortwave will be in the coming years.
http://cdn.srv.rtvs.sk/a520/audio/00/0011/001154/00115475-1-iyDw.mp3
(April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, Wantok FM via SIBC, Mar 30 1231-1244, 45333, English, Music, ID at 1240 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, Wantok FM relay, via SIBC, 1232, April 1. Another day with an extended broadcast; non-stop pop songs, with brief Wantok IDs; still on at 1350, but gone by 1409 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, Wantok FM via SIBC, Apr 01 1348-1407*, 45333, English, Music, 1407 s/off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, SIBC, 1153, April 3. Christian song before the start of "Evening Devotional"; "closing down" ID & NA.

1202 - A seamless switch over to the Wantok FM 96.3 relay; usual pop hit songs (Cher - "Love Hurts," etc.); normal Wantok IDs; still doing well at last check, at 1402 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA. 7750 Warsan Radio, must have signed off around 1930 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, R. Hargeisa, 1326-1340, April 1. Definitely in English; only able to make out a word here and there; seemed news till 1331; went to non-HOA pop music; 1340 the usual HOA theme music to end this 20 minute English segment. My local sunrise was at 1353 UT (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120even, R Hargeysa S=9+25dB strength in Doha Qatar. At 0349 UT on April 2nd, phone in by two men. But only S=6-7 in southern Germany, where hit by Russian ham radio operator. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 9650, R. Sonder Grense, Mar 31 0700-0709, 23332, Afrikaans, Talk, //Streaming, QRM from R.Guinea on c/c.

9650, R. Sonder Grense, Apr 02 0702-0710, 33333-22332, Afrikaans, Speech by man and chorus music, //Streaming, QRM from R.Guinea on c/c (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Radio PiraÒa --- 3/28/17 0014-0125 UT, 6930 AM. Very faint signal with tiny bits of occasional audio heard listening in USB (Joe Filipkowski, RI, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD) Note - This is a pirate station from South America using just 10 watts of AM carrier.) (FRW via DXLD) Maybe, but I got a non-QSL due to something else on 6930. See UNIDENTIFIED (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Radio Piranha from South America on 6930

We are now into the last days of transmissions from our South American site. We have received several reports from very faraway. That is impressive taking in mind our very low power! Only 10 watts carrier (a prox. 40 PEP). We have besides from South America, received reports from the USA, Germany, Finland and New Zealand! We continue to Monday

4th [sic] of April when closing down will be around 14 hours UT.

Sched: 6930 kHz, 2000-1400 UT

One of the receptions in Finland:
https://youtu.be/GEGy4kktOoU

Reception in Germany:
https://app.box.com/s/iafk0ron5fhqmgorlz7na8duo4ai35gr
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Porfavor siempre responder a:
rpi@radiopirana.com
(RPI April 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. SECRETLAND, Additional frequency of Brother HySTAIRical via SPL:
1800-2000 on 11700 SCB 100 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English, not 1900-2200
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/additional-frequency-of-brother.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Frequency change of Brother HySTAIRical via Secretbrod, March 30, videos tomorrow
1600-2000 NF 11590SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English, ex 11600 to avoid Denge Kurdistan -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SECRETLAND, Changes of Brother HySTAIRical via SPL, March 30
1600-2000 NF 11590*SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME English, ex 11600#
1800-2000 on 9400 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs English, no change
1900-2000 on 6000 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English, ex 18-20:
* co-ch Radio Ashna 1600-1630 in Dari; 1630-1730 in Pashto via UDO
# to avoid Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish till 1900 ISS, from 1900 KCH
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/changes-of-brother-hystairical-via-spl.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SECRETLAND, SPL The Global specialist for International Communications on shortwave and provided to you strong, clear and quality signal around the world --- Brother HySTAIRical TOM via SPL on April 5, day by day surprise after surprise:

1830-2000 6000#SCB 100 kW / 306 deg WeEu, ex 1800-2000 or not on air
1800-2000 9400 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg WeAs, unchanged as scheduled A-17
1800-2030 11590*SCB 050 kW / 126 deg N/ME, ex 1600-2000
#co-ch Adygeyan Radio 1800-1900 Mon/Fri & 1900-2000 Sun
*to avoid VOA Radio Ashna 1600-1630 Dari and 1630-1730 Pashto
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2017/04/brother-hystairical-via-spl-on-

april-5.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11590, April 5 at 1946, Overcomer Ministry on new frequency, but not Brother HyStairical himself at the moment, S4 but good modulation, and seems // but not synchro with 11580 WRMI next door and its // 11825, which are both much weaker! Ivo Ivanov says this moved off 11600 via BULGARIA due to a conflict with Denge Kurdistane which is only on 11600 now. The BS time started March 30 as 1600-2000, changed April 4 to 1800-2030 due to another conflict on 11590 with Radio Ashna via Thailand at 1600-1730! Not the first time there has been a pileup on 11600 involving ``Secretbrod``. 11590 is reported as 50 kW at 126 degrees, but sounds like it could be aimed reversely toward North America, as has been scheduled elsewhen from Bulgaria (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 17715. Mar 31 at 1922, Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, Noblejas, in Spanish. Men announcers talk and comment about football. Today, REE is barely audible in this frequency, target to South America, 45441. Parallel logs on 17855 [to NAm!], excellent, 55555; on 15390 kHz, very good, 45544.

17855. Apr 1 at 1919, Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, Noblejas, in Spanish. Men announcers talk and comment about the football game, live, between AtlÈtico de Madrid & M·laga, first half time, 1x0; 1931 End of first half time, 1x0. REE with very good signal and modulation in this frequency, 45544. Parallel logs on 17715 to SAm, just barely audible; on 15390, excellent, 55555 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Something must be very wrong with the transmission, if of the two 16m frequencies, in SAm the NAm one is coming in so much better than the one for SAm (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17855, Sunday April 2 at 1354, carrier already on from REE at S5, 1355 starts IS prior to 14-22 UT North American service on revived summer frequency. Tune away from IS before the earworm starts repeating. REE is the SSOB, with very little from Cuba on 16m. 15520 aimed oppositely is almost as good. 1638 recheck with, what else? a silly ballgame; what a waste. Not only is it the SSOB, but the OSOB under degraded propagation elsewhence. WWV reported at 1500:

``Solar-terrestrial indices for 01 April follow.
Solar flux 101 and estimated planetary A-index 16.
The estimated planetary K-index at 1500 UTC on 02 April was 3.
Space weather for the past 24 hours has been moderate.

Radio blackouts reaching the R2 level occurred.
Space weather for the next 24 hours is predicted to be minor.
Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level are likely.``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15520. Apr 2 at 1747, Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, Noblejas-E, in Spanish. Program "Tablero Deportivo": News and comments about sports, mainly football; Men and woman talks; 1752 Woman reporter talks about last football score, from Tenerife. Frequency with good signal and modulation, 45444. Parallel logs on 17855, 35433; and 17715 kHz, sign-off and/or unlistenable. (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, RX (s): Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. Reception of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation March 19
1630-1730 11750 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to N/ME Sinhala-City FM Mon-Fri
1630-1830 11750 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to N/ME Sinhala-City FM Sat/Sun
Same time/frequency of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation from Mar 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/reception-of-sri-lanka-broadcasting.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 15360, Sunday April 2 at 1637 YL in S Asian language one of few signals on band. HFCC shows it`s AWR, 125 kW, 335 degrees from Trincomalee at 1630-1700 in Sindhi on Sun/Tue/Fri/Sat, but English on M/W/F. Aoki agrees; A17 skeds are now available zipped via:
http://www1.s2.starcat.ne.jp/ndxc/pc/nd/nxa17.zip
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. [Cf EGYPT]. Got distracted by Sudan in the meantime: 9505 still on at 2007, not back to usual 7205 for arabic from 1900/1930. This evening frequency change seems to happy very irregularly now, though the station seems to be on 7205 only in the mornings. Very weak modulation. Neighbors sharing problems. Want a beer now. 73
(Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7205even, Omdurman S=9+20db strong carrier, but only 10 per cent low modulation level. Arabic news politics at 0351 UT Apr 2. 73 wb
(Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. BELGIUM(non) Summer A-17 of BRB Eye Radio via TDF Issoudun probably will be:
0400-0500 on 11730 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Arabic/English*
1600-1900 on 17730 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Arabic/English*
*including other languages Dinka/Nuer/Shilluk/Bari/Zande/ Lutoho
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/powerful-signal-of-brb-eye-radio-via.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30,

2017, via DXLD)

Reception of Eye Radio via TDF Issoudun Apr 5
1600-1900 on 17730 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Arabic/English, good:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/reception-of-brb-eye-radio-via-tdf.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN & SUDAN SOUTH [nons]. Summer A-17 of R Tamazuj and R Dabanga
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/summer-17-of-radio-tamazuj-and-radio.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 11650, April 3 at 0335, S6 reggae music and African language, mentions Sudan. It`s R. Tamazuj, 250 kW, 340 degrees toward Oregon from MADAGASCAR at 0330-0429, followed by R. Dabanga at 0429-0527. A17 frequency replacing 7315; but nothing heard on new listed // 9600 via Vatican (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, 13800, R. Dabanga via Madagascar, Apr 02 *0430-0448, 24232-24332, Arabic, 0430 s/on with IS, SJ and ID, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) SJ = singing jingle

** TAIWAN. 15070, Sound of Hope. Chinese without jamming on 24/3 at 1315 ñ no traces from announced earlier a broadcast of Marconi Radio International here (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16 meters long own made), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** THAILAND. Thailand coming in fair to good on 15590 now here in South Florida have not received Thailand in a while (Peter W Hansen, 0011 UT April 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

English to North America, ex-13745 in B seasons. 0000-0100 with a beam switch from east to west coast at 0030; and 0200-0230 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 4905, 1610-, Holy Tibet, Mar 25. I instantly recognized the female voice in English, as the Holy Tibet program from Lhasa. Into beautiful Tibetan music at 1611. Checking for // frequencies, I find 4920 is cochannel another station, 6025 is weak, 6200 is weak. 7255 is also quite strong, with weaker cochannel. 7385 is under much stronger Taiwan. Sounds like they were answering a letter from a Japanese listener. A bit too late for decent reception, as we're now well past LSR. It's been a long while since I've seen Tibet mentioned in the DX press (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 15330, RFA, Tinian. Suspect this is RFA at s/on 1000 in Tibetan, fair signal plus heavy jamming making listening difficult, 27/3 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Kenwood R5000, Tecsun PL-680, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

11540, April 6 at 1253, talk in tonal language, fair S7, some deep fades, cut off at 1258*. HFCC shows it`s IBB in the ``bod`` dialect of Tibetan via TINIAN at 1200-1300, supposed to continue another hour until 1400 via Kuwait, but unheard before I tuned on. Was one of the better signals on band, and no sign of jamming, yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 17615, VoA, Ban Dung. Tibetan between 0400-0500, NF and a fair signal with CNR 1 jamming, 30/3. (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Kenwood R5000, Tecsun PL-680, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), April Australian DX News via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 15528, V of Tibet, Dushanbe. Apparent NF, ex 15522, good with talks 1316, 1/4 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Perseus SDR, Yaesu FRG-7, Murphy B40, DX Engineering Preamp, Wellbrook feeder isolator, Icom IC-746, Loop Skywire, Home-made Loop with LZ1AQ amplifier, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

TAJIKISTAN, Frequency changes of Voice of Tibet, Apr 4
1200-1210 on 11508 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese unchanged
1210-1230 NF 11513 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11503
1230-1235 on 15517 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan unchanged
1235-1305 NF 15527 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15523
1305-1335 NF 15528 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15522
1335-1400 on 15517 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan unchanged
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/frequency-changes-of-voice-of-tibet.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

** TONGA. Since you were interested in the Tonga story, as you know, they used to have a SW station in the late 80s and 90s(?) on 5030, 1 kW which I heard in about 1989 or so. SW back then, not mentioned in your WOR report and very unlikely they will ever get back on SW.

I called the FCC monitoring station in Hawaii, and they DFed the same audio I was listening to back then. Better signal in Hawaii as would be expected. Just hope I did not get them fired back then! The rumor

back then was the TBC SW dipole antenna was connected to a tree back when it was active.
http://www.antique-corner.com/SWLQSL/tonga.htm
(Artie Bigley, OH, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More on Tonga: Glenn, It appears that the A3Z, Tonga Broadcasting Commission broadcasts on 5030 with 1 kW, lasted about two years before being knocked off the air by by Cyclone Ofa in February of 1990 and then back on briefly again in 1997.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Ofa

Cyclone Ofa - Wikipedia

Severe Tropical Cyclone Ofa was considered to be the worst tropical cyclone to affect Polynesia since Cyclone Bebe. The system was first noted on January 27, 1990 ...

In 1990, Berg has 5030 off the air in his book. Maybe off due to Cyclone Ofa in early 1990?

IN 1988:

Broadcasting on the Short Waves, 1945 to Today
https://books.google.com/books?isbn=078645198X

Jerome S. Berg - 2008 - In February, A3Z, the Tonga Broadcasting Commission, which for several years had made occasional use of 5030 kHz as a feeder frequency for sending its Medium Wave frequency for programs to remote island groups, began regular broadcasting on the channel.

Tonga report:
http://www.ontheshortwaves.com/Wavescan/wavescan100314.html

MORE on 5030:
SWEDEN CALLING DXERS :: :: from Radio Sweden :: :: Number 2075 ...
ftp.funet.fi/pub/dx/text/NEWS/SCDX/scdx2075.txt

In March the Tonga Broadcasting Commission turned up on shortwave 5030 kHz. Unfortunately this new service disappeared again in early June, due to a lack ...

SWEDEN CALLING DXERS :: :: from Radio Sweden :: :: Number 2054 ...
ftp.funet.fi/pub/dx/text/NEWS/SCDX/scdx2054.txt
(Valeri Ostroverch, USSR) TONGA--The Tonga Broadcasting Commission's shortwave transmitter on 5030 kHz has been off the air since early June, due to a ...

1999 has them on SW here but is false:

South Pacific Handbook - Page 383 - Google Books Result
https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1566911729
David Stanley - 1999 - Travel - Radio: The government-run Tonga Broadcasting Commission (Box 36, Nukualofa; tel. 23-555, On shortwave, you'll find them at 5030 MHz [sic] (ALL via Artie Bigley, OH, DXLD)

** TURKEY. 9785, Voice of Turkey; 1842-1923:15*, 28-Mar; English historical feature to 1850 Question of the Month with ID & contact info; 1852+ LL [unknown language] vocals to 1919 announcements in sounded-like Spanish, then English sked; said 9785 to Europe. SIO=2+53-, dropped off noticeably after about 1910. New for A17 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Only one new frequency for Voice of Turkey A-17, March 30:
0600-1155 NF 11675 EMR 500 kW / 150 deg to WeAs Turkish, ex 11955 A-16
// frequency 11750 EMR 500 kW / 080 deg to CeAs Turkish until 0855 UTC
// frequency 13635 EMR 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Turkish until 1255 UTC
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/only-one-new-freqiency-for-voice-of.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On 9735 at 2230 today, ex 9830 (Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI, Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App, April 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Sheryl, Tnx. I was going to check them today but didn`t get around to it. Could be one of their numerous mistakes as 9735 is registered for:

9735 0000 0200 42,43 EMR 500 72 0 211 1234567 260317 291017 D 13700 Tur TUR TRT TRT 11044

Let`s see how well that`s coming in over here. And whether 9735 is still on tomorrow for 2200. 73, (Glenn to Sheryl, via DXLD)

9735, April 4 at 0116, no signal from TRT as scheduled 00-02 east-northeastward in Turkish; VP signal on 9770 in Spanish, maybe no // 9870. However, 9420 Greece in quite well.

Checking 9735 since Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Wisconsin, tipped me that VOT English at 2230 April 3 was there ex-9830. I meant to check for that today, but didn`t get around to it. For years, I have been calling for VOT to get off 9830 with its RTTY, so maybe they have, but could also be another of their numerous mistakes, so check whether 9735 is still English subsequently from 2200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You were right, back on 9830 (Sheryl, 2158 UT April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9830, April 4 at *2158, VOT on with IS prior to 2200 English to NAm, vs RTTY, which seems to stop at 2200, but not sure if in deference. VOT starts with a timesignal, but s/on announcement with frequency unreadable. Yesterday this transmission was on 9735, as Sheryl Paskiewicz, WI reported, but I suspected it was a mistake. She was also monitoring at the same time today and agrees I was right, it`s back on 9830. Too bad, as 9735 appears to be QRM-free (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9830, Voice of Turkey at 2200 Apr 4 welcoming listeners with "Today is Sunday November 13th, 2016"?? ? OK, back on original frequency but are they time warp or has the political situation in Turkey made them dig programs out of the archive? (Mark Coady, Ont., ODXA yg via DXLD)

9830, April 6 at 2200, VP carrier presumably VOT still on correct frequency to North America. Mark Coady, Ontario, heard the April 4 broadcast better than I and says they introduced with the date as November 13! Apparently back to the future on April 5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE [non]. 11580, 0215-, Radio Ukraine International, Mar 25. I'm always confused over the complex scheduling of RMI. In any case on a UT Saturday, a current RUI program was playing to 0230, at which time it was unceremoniously dumped by, 'This is Bob' (Zenotti), but that was cut off and directly into Radio Prague at good to very good level, and a little stronger than // 6855 (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Listening last night to WRMI on 11580 kHz at 0200 UT (i.e. 31 March), the program from RUI seemed to be current with news from this week including the deaths of two Ukrainian soldiers and the EU meetings in Malta, which include talks between Poroshenko and Tusk (Richard Langley, NB, ibid.)

** U A E. 11945.111, BBCWS English, Al Dhabbaya 04-05 UT, heard at 0452 UT on Apr 2nd, S=9+30dB into southern Germany. Talk about soldiers in British Army. "Peace and War", "Speak of the Day" at 0457 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U A E. 15359.980, US Mashaal Radio from Al Dhabbaya, in Pashto language to Afghanistan. At 0508 UT on Apr 2. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UNITED KINGDOM [and non]. 1215 kHz, 0512-, Absolute Radio, Mar 27. Finally, some audio! Fairly good reception with modern vocal. Best heard on my N mini-Beverage, but the ALA (NE/SW) is decent, too. Nothing on my NW Beverage as would be expected. A quick bandscan: 1053, presumed TalkSport with fair audio, hets on 999 (?COPE), 909 (RNE or BBC Radio 5). Slim pickings, but it's something! Funny that 189 Iceland was not propagating beyond a het tonight (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. The second of the two Antiques Roadshows filmed at Caversham Park is scheduled to be shown on 18 June. The first edition (shown last Sunday) opened with a brief look at Caversham Park as the home of BBC Monitoring. The second edition will open with a look at the broader history of the house and grounds (Chris Greenway, April 4, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

We have Antiques Roadshows on PBS in the USA. Is this the same or a different series? Ours of course has been visiting cities all over this country, but I don`t recall anything from abroad. 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, It's different. I assume the British one is the original, though perhaps that's just knee-jerk chauvinism! It's been running for many years here. The venues are all in the UK. I must admit that although I had been in the same room when a TV set was showing it, I had not until this past week actually sat down to watch it properly.

It was filmed at Caversham Park on 26 June last year. We were lucky with the weather (always a worry here, even in the week of the solstice!). We had several thousand visitors that day. I was head steward - so no chance of appearing on-screen as I was the other side of the building where cars arrived.

Our lovely building and grounds looked very beautiful on screen. They didn't show any of the many satellite dishes on the site, including our giant 10-metre one that overlooks the Thames valley (Chris Greenway, BBCM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. EDITOR'S BLOG. BBC IN RUSSIAN: RADIO, GOODBYE.

If it was not for the radio, there would be no Russian service. In general, the BBC would not be. But everything changes - unfortunately? Fortunately? - and on Friday, March 31, 2017, the last "Fifth Floor" is on the air. The last radio program of the Russian service BBC. End of the era.

Yes, yes. But here it is applicable, how little is there. For more than 70 years there has been a Russian service of the BBC. And for

seven decades there was not a single working day in which she did not give out radio programs. And after this Friday there will not be one. Why? What happened?

Nothing happened. The epoch-making event did not happen, the fateful moment did not come, the point of no return is not passed. Gradually, the Internet and mobile communications are developing; Tries new formats of television; The time that we pay to anything is reduced, and the talk radio in Russian dies.

A little higher I wrote: "The last program is on the air" - but in fact there has not been a real ether of the BBC Russian Service in recent years. The "fifth floor" was being prepared, like a real radio program, was produced, like a real radio program, wormed like a real radio program, but it was not a real radio program. "On the receiver" is not caught.

It was a discussion, which - live and podcast - was poured into the Internet, and then it was deciphered. And you read the decoding with much more enthusiasm than listening to audio. From which we concluded: do not waste energy, time and money to work in the studio; You just need to communicate with smart people on relevant topics.

So, saying goodbye to the format - the audio format, not the radio, - we do not say goodbye to the essence of the program or to the people who did it. Permanent leader of the "Fifth Floor" Mikhail Smotryaev will speak with interesting interlocutors and post the dialogues on the site of the Russian Service. And Alexander Kahn will continue to please fans of culture - on the same site and television.

And there are still "voices from the archive," Jesse Keiner works on them, - for the old school, for hardcore, fans of this radio. Among which is your obedient.

Radio has educated me, for many years it was an application of my strength, a source of inspiration, earnings, even personal happiness. So I would not want to be a radio newsstrip. It is better to quasi-heraclitic: everything changes, but you hold on. Thank you all, everything remains on the ground. Well, or almost everything.
Jan Leder, Managing Editor of the Russian Service BBC bbc.com
http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID__65084/
(via RusDX 2 April via DXLD)

** U K. Letter From America --- Anyone else wish we still had Alistair Cooke around? The oddities of the Trump administration and the current USA Congress hearings would be wonderful to hear him explain to the world. Andy Posted by: "Andrew O'Brien, UT April 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

When I saw the subject, I was hoping you had news that BBC had really found someone to succeed him. Tsk, (Glenn, ibid.)

That would be nice! (Andy, ibid.)

** U K. IN THEIR OWN WORDS, EIGHT WOMEN SHARE THEIR STORIES ON THE CONVERSATION Date: 03.04.2017 Last updated: 03.04.2017 at 11.58
http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2017/the-conversation

Throughout April, BBC World Service series The Conversation will be in the US to hear from a group of exceptional and inspiring women with contrasting experiences of life in America.

The programme will feature women who have made a difference within their communities, turned their personal tragedies into a fight for change, blazed a trail for others and smashed through the glass ceiling.

The Conversation is a weekly global series on BBC World Service that features two guests in conversation talking about the issues, passions and careers that have shaped their lives. In the past the series has featured a diverse range of women from around the world including: stand-up comedians, presidential speech writers, investigative reporters, graffiti artists, nuns and jazz musicians.

In this new four-part US series, each episode will feature two women in conversation with each other. The BBCís Kim Chakanetsa will present two programmes recorded in New York and Alabama, while guest presenter Lauren Schiller ñ from KALW radio and host of US public radio show Inflection Point - will be in San Francisco.

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The series will broadcast as follows:

The Conversation: My Son Was Shot
BBC World Service, Monday 3 April, 11.30-12noon BST [1030 UT, and ??]

Kim Chakanetsa is in New York for an intimate conversation between two mothers who have turned their personal tragedies into national activism to reduce gun violence.

Nicole Hockley's son Dylan was six when an armed man burst into Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012, killing 26 children and adults. It remains the deadliest school shooting in US history. Nicole says life as she knew it ended that day, but she bears a responsibility to Dylan to prevent this from happening to other

families.

Just a few weeks before the tragedy at Sandy Hook, Lucia McBath's teenage son Jordan Davis was shot dead at a gas station in Florida. Jordan was African American and the shooter was a middle-aged white man. Lucia believes race and America's gun laws played their part in her child's murder, and she now speaks out on both issues.

The Conversation: LGBT Women
BBC World Service, Monday 10 April, 11.30-12noon BST [1030 UT, and??]

Guest presenter Lauren Schiller talks to two women from different generations in San Francisco ñ where the women's role in gay rights history is rarely told.

Kate Kendell has been described as Americaís Head Lesbian. She is Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) and was heavily involved in the fight for equal marriage in California. Robyn Exton founded the lesbian dating app, Her, in the UK in 2013 - but two years ago she relocated to San Francisco to be closer to her investors. For Robyn, the city has much to offer as a tech hub, but less in terms of a young gay scene.

The Conversation: Asian Americans
BBC World Service, Monday 17 April, 11.30-12noon BST [1030 UT, and??]

Lauren Schiller brings together two writers of Asian origin to discuss the narratives that shape their lives and how American they feel. Yiyun Li is a Chinese-American writer. She moved to the US in her early twenties to study immunology, but then made the leap from science to creative writing. She has published four works of fiction and numerous essays.

Barbara Jane Reyes is an American poet who was born in Manila in the Philippines and raised in San Francisco. She did not have any role models growing up and never believed she could be a writer, until she saw the success of Amy Tan's Joy Luck Club. Barbara is the author of four collections of poetry.

The Conversation: Women In The Courtroom
BBC World Service, Monday 24 April, 11.30-12noon BST [1030 UT, and??]

At Montgomery's federal courthouse, where historic civil rights rulings were made in the 1950's and 60's, Kim Chakanetsa unites two Alabama women lawyers who are making courtroom history.

At 28, Briana Westry-Robinson is Alabama's youngest ever female African American judge. Briana now presides over a District court in

one of the poorest counties in Alabama and she says her age is an advantage because she can still identify with the juveniles who appear before her.

Danielle Ward Mason is an award-winning trial lawyer, who specialises in fighting cases where medical devices and drugs may be harmful to women. She is considered to be one of the top personal injury lawyers in the state and has won large pay-outs for her clients in the country (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 3. April 2017, DXLD)

** U K. 3955drm, BBC Woofferton mit S=9+10 in Massachusetts-US, mit dem ¸blichen 10 kHz weiten Block (Wolfgang B¸schel, up to 0600 UT March 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 4020-USB, UT Tue April 4 at 0141, Air Force MARS net, informal contact between two guys, both good signals, with no IDs, just overs, discussing how to check boxes on paperwork, and lamenting lack of manuals to explain it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7637-USB, UT Tue April 4 at 0126, Civil Air Patrol net giving a crypto series and then repeating it for a contact who could not copy it as well as I:

EYRGF PLCFB HSCGW GFSYT R46DE TGFES TGFYT GVSYE
[note the preponderance of E, F, G, in each group, unlikely random]

First time, each Group twice, second time once, always purely fonetikaly and 100% copy here. The contact station was almost inaudible to both of us. So what are they really trying to say? Why all this cloak-and-dagger from a CIVILian agency which is mainly involved in rushing to plane crashes? I knew it was CAP because a ``Triblade 20`` ID ensued. Last October 4 at 0130 I had those on 7615, and also something similar on 7637 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Mostly MFSK32, but with one item in MFSK16 if reception is difficult ....
VOA Radiogram, 1-2 April 2017: Sending noises to the Radio Quiet Zone

As people and radio shows get older, they tend to draw less attention to their birthdays. Last weekend was program 208 of VOA Radiogram: 208 divided by 52 equals 4, so it seems that VOA Radiogram has passed its fourth anniversary.

Please note that for the broadcast this Saturday at 0930-1000 UTC, 5745 kHz replaces 5865 kHz.

This weekendís show includes an interesting item about the radio-free

zone near the Green Bank Observatory in West Virginia. Another item, about the 1957 Sputnik satellite, will be in MFSK16, in case reception is difficult. . .
http://voaradiogram.net/post/159037807152/voa-radiogram-1-2-april-2017-sending-noises-to
(Kim Elliott, March 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Am 31.03.2017 um 15:35 schrieb VOA Radiogram:
> This weekend's show includes an interesting item about the radio-free zone near the Green Bank Observatory in West Virginia. Another item, about the 1957 Sputnik satellite, will be in MFSK16, in case reception is difficult. Here is the lineup for VOA Radiogram, program 209, 1-2 April 2017, all in MFSK32 except where noted:
1:45 Program preview
2:53 Sensitivity to certain sounds is a real thing*

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2017-04-01.htm#misophonia

I am going mad with Egyptian sine tones. But I use software medicine against it. ;-)

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2017-02-25.htm#Cairo

 8:50 No wi-fi in town near West Virginia telescope*
17:43 MFSK16: Remember the 1957 Sputnik launch?

No. Not all people who listen to shortwave, still today, were born in the 40s and 50s. There are also younger ones. But yesterday the VOA transmitter on 17580 kHz crashed during this Sputnik picture, a kind of "small Sputnik shock". ;-) But I had a precautionary remote backup, which I now activated.

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2017-04-01.htm#sputnik

23:19 MFSK32: Images* and closing announcements

Again an interesting show, despite the oblique MFSK tones (roger, germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar X-Ray Event DID Impact VOA Radiogram

Hi Kim: As mentioned as a possibility in an earlier e-mail, the broadcast of VOA Radiogram 209 via WRMI on 2 April 2017 at 2030 UT on 11580 kHz was indeed impacted by a shortwave fadeout caused by an M5.7 solar X-ray event beginning at 2026, peaking at 2033, and ending at 2038. This was one of several outbursts from region 2644 on the sun's surface. Attached is an animated GIF file showing the areas of the projected impact on shortwave frequencies between 2025 and 2059 as

determined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Weather Prediction Center. The impact area includes the propagation path between Florida and New Brunswick. Also attached is a plot of the received audio level of the Radiogram from my Tecsun PL-880. The period of the fadeout between about 2033 and 2038 can be clearly seen. Almost none of the text nor the first image were successfully decoded during this interval. Signal levels before and after the fadeout were quite strong. I'll send my usual report including the decoded text and images in a later e-mail. All the best

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** U S A [non]. 17655. Mar 30 at 1730, Voice of America, Santa Maria di Galeria-CVA, in Portuguese. A song; Man and woman announcers talk news, with an external reporter from Angola; ID. VOA has a very good signal and modulation in this frequency, 45544 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

9685, April 3 at 0332, very poor S5 signal, sounds like French; 0417 it`s S3 and not French? HFCC and Aoki show it`s IBB/VOA, 100 kW, 114 degrees via SAO TOME, daily 0330-0430 in Kirundi/Kinyarwanda. I suppose some Belgian/French could be intermixed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1870 monitoring: 7490.05, WBCQ Monticello ME; 2115-2133+, 29-Mar; Glenn Hauserís World of Radio #1870; mentioned Ken Zichi logging a pirate on 3425; WoR to 2129 into music interlude to BoH Goddess Irena WBCQ spot into Goddess Irena vocals? SIO=343 fady & occasional hint of QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1871 monitoring: confirmed Thursday March 30 at 2130 on WRMI 11580, fair-good. Also confirmed Thu Mar 30 at 2330 on WBCQ 9329.138v-CUSB, fair. Next:

Fri 2230	WRMI 11580 to NE, 5950 to S
Fri 2330	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0630	HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1430	HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sun 0310v	WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030	HLR 9485-CUSB to SW
Sun 2330	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 2130   WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030   WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100   WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

GERMANY, Weak signal of HLR relays on 6190 CUSB, April 1:
[first week at DST times one UT hour earlier:]
Switzerland In Sound
0600-0630 on 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu Sat English
World of Radio#1871
0630-0700 on 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu Sat English
Hamburger Lokalradio
0700-0900 on 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu Sat German
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/04/weak-signal-of-hlr-relays-on-6190-cusb.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1871 monitoring: confirmed Friday March 31 at 2240, the 2230 broadcast on WRMI 11580, good S9 vs S6 local line noise; // 5950 JBA at S7, by 2255 improved to poor S9. But not // 6855 which is now Oldies music // 9395. Also confirmed Fri March 31 at 2345, the 2330 broadcast on WBCQ, 9329.275v-CUSB, fair S8. NOT confirmed Saturday April 1 at 1440-1500 UT UTwente SDR on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB --- just a very weak signal with other talk and music, presumably CRI via East Turkistan in Sinhala. 1500 slightly stronger CRI starts with timesignal, CRI theme. But, I suppose WOR on HLR was on, just not propagating better to Holland than East Turkistan. I wonder how the previous airing on HLR 6190 Saturday shifted to 0630 is doing? No report yet from Ivo on that. Next:
Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030   HLR 9485-CUSB to SW
Sun 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 2130   WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1871 monitoring: confirmed Saturday April 1 at 2230 on WBCQ, 9329v-CUSB, fair. Also confirmed UT Sunday April 2 at 0327 about 13 minutes in so started circa 0314 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, MO, at S9+30! Next:
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030 HLR 9485-CUSB to SW
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1871 monitoring: confirmed Sunday April 2 after 2330 on WBCQ 9329.3v-CUSB, fair. Also confirmed UT Monday April 3 at 0301 on Area 51 webcast, and at 0327 on WBCQ 5129.815-AM, fair. Also confirmed UT Monday April 3 at 0330 on WRMI 9955, JBA but the opening theme is almost recognizable. Next:
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1871 monitoring: confirmed Monday April 3 at 2330 on WBCQ 9329.2v-CUSB, fair; also confirmed UT Tuesday April 4 at 0030 on WRMI 7730, VG. Next:
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW

Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1871 monitoring: confirmed Tuesday April 4 at 2130 on WRMI 15770, good with nearby storm noise. Missed checking April 4 at 2330 on WBCQ 9329v. Also confirmed Wednesday April 5 at 1340, the 1315.5 airing on WRMI 9955, good but occasional noise bursts which could be QRM (not jamming), or out of own transmitter? Also confirmed Wed April 5 at 2100 on WBCQ, 7490, poor; also confirmed Wed April 5 at 2330 on WBCQ, 9329.95v-CUSB, fair.

The WRMI schedule grid updated April 4 now shows 6855 at 11-13 UT is on System C = // 9955 again including WOR and other DX programs, rather than // System H Oldies on 9395. Assuming that is correct,

WORLD OF RADIO 1872 ready for first airings April 6:
Thu 1130 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Thu 2130 WRMI 11580 to NE
Thu 2330 WBCQ 9329v-CUSB to WSW
Fri 2230 WRMI 11580 to NE, 5950 to S
Fri 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0630 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
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Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1872 monitoring: NOT confirmed Thursday April 6 at 1155, the 1130 first airing on WRMI 9955, since that has been replaced by `Informativo G24`: see separate log. I hope to get some other time(s) on WRMI to replace it. Still confirmed the next broadcast, Thursday April 6 at 2130 on WRMI 11580, poor; and Thu Apr 6 at 2330 on WBCQ 9328.95v-CUSB, fair.

WOR 1872 Headlines: Alaska, Albania, Antarctica, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia and non, Germany non, Indonesia,

Korea North non, Kurdistan non, Lithuania non, Oklahoma, Paraguay, Romania, Russia, Sikkim, Solomon Islands, Somaliland, South Carolina non, Sri Lanka, Sudan & Sudan South nons, Thailand, Tibet non, Turkey, USA, Vanuatu

Next:
Fri 2230 WRMI 11580 to NE, 5950 to S
Fri 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0630 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
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Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5130, 0908, UNKNOWN LOCATION or ID. Poor in talk thru 0940. (Only AOKI listing this freq is Kyrgystan 1500/1800) - KB 26/3 (Kelvin Brayshaw, LEVIN, NEW ZEALAND, 2 x PL 660s, whips linked at tips, April NZ DX Times via DXLD) ?? WBCQ is here nominally 2300-1100 with BS overnight, more like 5129.8 (gh, DXLD)

Tiny weak S=3-4 signal on 5130.039 at 1018 UT, but 5130.035 at 1140 UT, probably US WBCQ wandered. 73 wolfie [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, For the very first time since 2010 year I was lucky this morning to access a SDR Server in Brasil in worldwide Perseus Net. 1015-1245 UT on March 30, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, DXLD)

9328.934V-CUSB, [not 9338.934v as in original report!] March 30 at 1420, Brother Scare via WBCQ is more than 1 kHz low now, and audibly varying as I try to measure it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490, Thursday March 30 at 2335, WBCQ 7490 with music, AHW`s fundraiser promo, and then Ramsey suggesting alternatively sending money to WBCQ in the p-mail. So `Furthermore 29-54` replay is again

occupying the former `Broad Spectrum Radio` slot. I wonder if BSR is still on any of the other stations? The WBCQ program schedule, http://schedule.wbcq.com/index.php?fn=sked&freq=7490 is getting more and more outdated, still showing a full hour of BSR at 23-24 Thursdays, which stopped months ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During last week`s AWWW it was mentioned at some point that the last outage of AWWW was a bandwidth problem at the station. A programmer for their FM station was uploading the following week`s programs at the same time they were pulling Brother Scare's feed and Allan's feed and I don't know what else.

Was announced the other night during Plastic Magic on 5130 that the program would be leaving the air sometime in May of this year (John Carver, Mid-North Indiana, April 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5129.815, WBCQ, weak tiny in MA-US (Wolfgang B¸schel, up to 0600 UT March 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490.048, WBCQ, POWERHOUSE in Detroit S=9+45dB, talk on radio and TV stations, advertisements, 0028 UT on April 1. Up to 26 kHz WIDEBAND in peaks. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5850 // weakened 7730, UT Thursday March 30 at 0707 I am unfortunately awake so check WRMI and yes, the PCJ show is still airing now instead of Fridays as on skedgrid.

11580, March 31 at 1307, WRMI with `World Music` segment, a song about a gay man (or is it a Cayman??), next one in Spanish.

[and non]. 9955, Friday March 31 at 2252, soft jazz music, *2254 pulse jamming on and starting to ramp up for Radio Libertad at 2300; 2255 Keith Perron with patreon plug, same PCJ show (Happy Station itself?) as heard earlier on WRMI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRMI on 11580 kHz on Friday Night (31 March 2017) --- I don't usually listen to WRMI on a Friday evening but this past Friday (31 March in North America) I did in order to catch the inaugural weekly broadcast in English of Italian Broadcasting Corporation. I ended up recording the 11580 kHz signal for more than five hours. This allowed me to compare the actual broadcasts with the program schedule. All times UT.

2145 -- Blues Radio International in progress

2200 -- Wavescan; program 423 for release on 2 April; so this was an advanced airing! Subject matter included the early history of Radio Vaticana and another report from the HFCC meeting in Jordan (including

whether Jordan would get back on SW) [so, what about that? gh]

2230 -- World of Radio 1871 recorded on 30 March

2300 -- Viva Miami; again about Jordan

2315 -- Moments in Bible Prophecy

2330 -- Radio Ukraine International with up-to-date news items

0000 -- Radio Slovakia International in Slovak

0030 -- Radio Slovakia International in English

0100 -- Dub Politico; a very uninspiring reading of some text on revolutionary theory; the reader said a page was missing after a pregnant pause, so he just kept reading; why not re-record it? He also overran his time and was cut off in mid-sentence with the transition to the next program

0115 -- Music selections; choir plus orchestra; singing might have been in a Slavic language; some pieces seemed religious. Just selections of World Music? I think there was supposed to be a repeat of Viva Miami in this time slot

0130 -- Italian Broadcasting Corporation in English with ham DX news and SWL loggings, a short item on the history of radio, and an MFSK32 digital transmission (of their program schedule) in the last five minutes

0200 -- Radio Ukraine International; NOT the same program as the one at 2330 but also with current news; could have been recorded after the earlier one for dissemination on UT C Saturday

With regard to RUI, it looks like at least the weekday broadcasts may now be current. I'll check my Sunday evening recording (not played back yet) to see if they're still using a stale (last year?) recording on Sundays (in NA). (Richard Langley, NB, April 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5950, UT Sun April 2 at 0041, WRMI amid `Wavescan`, usual poor signal on this frequency, as Jeff is quoting last week`s WORLD OF RADIO about R. Tirana quitting SW, and then a 1990 clip of it via Jonathan Marks.

6855, April 4 at 0122, Cuban pulse jamming is here over WRMI music which still seems // 9395 Oldies channel. Has Jeff ever put an exile program on 6855 to provoke this? At this time, no jamming on 9955 during gospel huxter in English, but some lite pulsing audible under

Spanish DX program at 0134 playing distorted 1956y recording in Chinese of a station on 9410, 9774 and 15375, i.e. Fu Hsing, Taiwan. That would be `Frecuencia al DÌa`, preceded by `Coming Home`.

Jeff White already replies: ``That's wild, Glenn. No, there has never been any Cuban exile programming on 6855. In fact, the only Cuban exile programming we have now is 7:30-8:00 pm Eastern Time on 9955 Monday-Friday. It's 7:00-8:00 pm this week, but going to 7:30-8:00 pm as of next week [2330-2400 UT]. That's it. Maybe the Cubans don't like Oldies? Jeff`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, April 4 before and after 1959 BZ ID, WRMI has been playing World Music instead of TOM as scheduled. Segments of WM have appeared unexpectedly before. However next day, April 5 at 2030 check, 9955 is back to TOM // 11825, but not BS himself at the moment, and with some pulse jamming. See also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

11580, April 4 at 2000, WRMI is VP with jazz, i.e. `Jazz from the Left` as scheduled this hour on Tuesdays; and should also be on // 6855, too weak here to tell (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7504.96v, March 31 at 0101, open carrier at S9+30, so WRNO is back on after missing a few nights per Ron Howard observations. I don`t hang around to hear if they start modulating during the nominal 01-04 UT span for DST season (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn - March 31, heard WRNO in Chinese at 0345 and with 0400*. Ron Posted by: (Ron Howard, Calif, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7505, April 2 at 0107, WRNO is on with soul music at S9+40 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7504.980, WRNO weak and tiny in Doha Qatar ME, Chinese language program?, S=3-4 lousy under threshold level at 0330 UT April 2 (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7504.98, April 3 at 0339, WRNO is S8 in Chinese; off at next check 0406 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3215, April 2 at 0059, WWRB with paranoid gospel huxters at S9+45, revealing that the Qur`an is anti-Christian, and criticizing someone for saying that the Sabbath is on Sunday. They keep going past 0100 when WWCR cuts on with steel drum, sign-on and into `Martha Garvin`s Musical Memories`. The two Tennessee stations keep on clashing at about equal levels until Dave finally says retune to 3195, at 0101 and off 3215. That`s an improvement over the 45-minute collision this winter. Fortunately this can only happen on UT Sun, Mon

& Tue due to WWRB`s 3-night-a-week schedule.

3195 comes on at *0102.5 with carrier, shortly ID, `Wonderful Words of Life` hymntune, but soon more huxtering. Hey Dave, why don`t you just broadcast on 3195 only and dispense with these quick-changes, not always successful, to share 3215 with WWCR?? 90m will be replaced by 60m, 5050, sometime in A-17 but not yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The WWCR program schedule at
http://www.wwcr.com/program-guides/WWCR_Program_Guide.pdf
has been updated as at 1 April 2017, however be aware that the UTC times (in the right-most column) are one hour out. IE all UTC times should be shown one hour earlier. (The transmitter schedule at
http://www.wwcr.com/transmitter-sched.html
is correct). (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13840 [sic], UNITED STATES, WWCR 3/27, 2011. Doc Scott, offering to show tax returns for his ministry. In upside down universe, 13840 coming on strong when all the rest of the bands very anemic. Last cupla years, this channel is very weak here even when everything else is strong. SW-2000629, 20' wire (Rick, a.k.a. Barton, AZ, some logs from the patio picnic table listening post. Unless otherwise stated, logs are with a Longines Symphonette 4597 "World Traveler" with whip antenna, and a RadioShack SW-2000629/ATS-505/Model 20-629/DX-402, and a 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You must mean 13845; also usually weak here, but too close for skip unless short. Not too close for you; reduced power? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. 5085, and parasitic spurs circa 5072 & 5097, UT Sunday April 2 at 0103, WTWW has just started `Theater Organ from the Ozarx`, with Bob Heil playing via huge S9+50 signal. (Meanwhile, 6145, The Mighty KBC via Germany reads only S9, but too poor for its music. All Eurosigs are degraded tonight, even Romania.

9930, Tuesday April 4 at 1952, WTWW-2 with distorted country music. What`s become of Dave Ramsey, gone again?

9475, April 4 at 1953, then I check WTWW-1 and find SFAW with modulation and carrier breaking up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Ein ubekannter US Br¸ller - Roarer mit einem USB Signal in J3E Modus, aber ohne Carrier-Tr%ger, 15555.276 kHz, Aoki Nagoya Liste A-17 zeigt 14-22 UT, um 2050 UT S=5-6 Signal in den Spitzen peaks 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST) what else but WJHR?

(gh, DXLD)

** U S A. RMI Okeechobee Florida produziert zwei Signale side-by-side um 2055 UT, registrierte 15770 kHz, aber auch 15760 ... 15759.997 kHz ... wandert downwards? 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, 15760 is a new frequency for WHRI, ex-15710; both probably carrying Overcomer, but should not be synchronized (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 9265, WINB Red Lion PA: 1552-1600+, 26-Mar; Evangelical Outreach religihuxter program with exuberant huxter (do these dudes think that their listeners are hard of hearing?); WINB spot by very bored-sounding W at 1559+ into new English religihuxter program before ToH with less exuberant huxter than the previous program. S10 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12050, WEWN Vandiver AL (presumed); 1836, 28-Mar; Spanish preachiní & singiní. SIO=454- with some distortion; messy spur 12095-12100; none found downfreq (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WEWN: See OKLAHOMA

** U S A. KGEI - JosÈ A. Holowaty [Re: PARAGUAY]

Henrik Klemetz ha publicado en Frecuencia Al DÌa (facebook)

"EL DÕA DOMINGO 26 DE MARZO DE 2017 PARTI” A LA PRESENCIA DEL SE—OR, EL PASTOR JOS… A. HOLOWATY." (Escueta nota publicada en http://www.radioiglesia.com

Muchos somos los que recordamos su voz y su gestiÛn en KGEI La Voz de la Amistad al igual que tambiÈn en RadiodifusiÛn AmÈrica, en Paraguay). Paz en su tumba.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/140003342701545/?multi_permalinks=1321131514588716&notif_t=group_activity&notif_id=1490981067162306
(Dino Bloise, dxldyg via DXLD) obit

Requires login, so never mind (gh, DXLD)

[WRTH - World Radio Tv Handbook] Pastor JosÈ Holowaty, from KGEI

Para os seguidores da antiga estaÁ„o KGEI, com a inconfundÌvel voz de JosÈ Holowaty nos an˙ncios de programas da emissora. Ele estava na Radio AmÈrica 1480 Paraguay, cheguei a ouvi-lo uma vez num dia de propagaÁ„o favor·vel, e agora recebemos a notÌcia do seu falecimento

(Rudolf Grimm, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

De: Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky
Enviada em: sexta-feira, 31 de marÁo de 2017 13:31

Para: WRTH - World Radio Tv Handbook <wrthgroup@groups.facebook.com>
Assunto: [WRTH - World Radio Tv Handbook] Pastor JosÈ Holowaty, from KGEI passed away last...

Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Pradip Kundu e outras 2 pessoas publicaram no grupo WRTH - World Radio Tv Handbook. Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky 31 de marÁo ‡s 13:30

Pastor JosÈ Holowaty, from KGEI passed away last Sunday. He was the main voice from La Voz de la Amistad in San Francisco for the Spanish speaking audience in Latin America on the shortwaves. He lived in Paraguay and was the head of Radio America, —emby. (Thanks to Henrik Klemetz for the info) Pastor JosÈ Holowaty, from KGEI passed away last Sunday. He was the main voice from La Voz de la Amistad (via radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Gracias a la informaciÛn brindada por el colega sueco Henrik Klemetz, nos enteramos que el pasado domingo 26 de Marzo de 2017 falleciÛ el Pastor Jose Holowaty, --- lea la nota completa en
https://gruporadioescuchaargentino.wordpress.com/2017/03/31/fallecio-el-pastor-jose-a-holowaty/
(Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

FalleciÛ el Pastor JosÈ A. Holowaty --- 31/03/2017

Gracias a la informaciÛn brindada por el colega sueco Henrik Klemetz, nos enteramos que el pasado domingo 26 de Marzo de 2017 falleciÛ el Pastor Jose Holowaty, cuya recordada voz era oÌda hasta hace unas dÈcadas en la ya desaparecida emisora KGEI, que transmitÌa en onda corta desde San Francisco, California, Estados Unidos.

Resultado de imagen para josÈ holowaty [capciÛn]

Holowaty estaba establecido en Paraguay, en donde creo y dirigiÛ a RadiodifusiÛn AmÈrica.

En el excelente sitio
http://programasdx.com/delayer3.htm
se conserva un audio suministrado por Ruben Margenet correspondiente a KGEI. El 31 de julio de 1994, KGEI La Voz de la Amistad, cerraba para siempre sus transmisiones desde San Francisco, California, Estados Unidos. Pero aÒos atr·s, precisamente hasta 1991, habÌa emitido un programa destinado a los diexistas de apenas cinco minutos varias

veces al dÌa (1305, 0335, 0705 por 9615 kHz y 0005 por 15280 kHz) con la realizaciÛn y conducciÛn de Samuel A. RamÌrez y Benito J. Quintana basando el contenido del espacio en temas extraÌdos del libro ìShortwave Radio Listening with the expertsî. La ediciÛn que escuchar·n refiere a la tarjeta QSL. Precede y sucede a ìDX Internacionalî una voz legendaria, la del Pastor JosÈ Holowaty, que presenta el programa e identifica a KGEI (GRA blog via DXLD)

** U S A. 840, SOUTH CAROLINA WCEO, Columbia. 1051 UT April 1, 2017. Still blatantly violating their D1 and smacking WHAS and Cuba silly with Mexi-tunes (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 980, FLORIDA, WDVH, Gainesville. 1121 April 1, 2017. Ad for someone "on Highway 19" with 352 area code, promo for the simulcast 94.1 FM, "My Maria" actually decent cover of the original BW Stevenson song, by Brooks & Dunn. Great video for this if you've never seen. Slight Cuba COCO co-co-channel (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]? 990, 1424-, Unid, Mar 30. I'm hearing two stations cochannel. One is in Tagalog, with many mentions of Filipino, but also about US politics. This is the dominant station, whereas there's also a cochannel Spanish speaker. The latter, presumably is domestic, but is the first as well (likely), but who might they be, if so? Strong at times. [in the West, two SS are listed on 990: KATD Pittsburg CA, 10000/5000 U4; and KTKT Tucson AZ, 10000/490 U4 --- gh]

Checked back at 14:2 [sic] to hear an ID as, 'Comedy 990', so this one must be KTHH in Albany OR with listed power of only 250 w day, and 9 w at night! They faded quickly to be replaced by the usual Spanish speaker, and cochannel Filipino (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Wolfgang Schneiter of Van Nuys CA sends along the following dated 3/22/17 and 3/24/17:

KBOQ 1260 AM in Beverly Hills CA changed its format from Adult Standards (ëUnforgettableí) to Oldies. They played oldies from Friday afternoon, March 10, to Monday morning, March 13, then back to adult standards. Starting Friday, March 17 (donít know what time) the station flipped to Oldies full-time ñ a mix of oldies from the mid 50ís to the early 70ís. It is a very nice format. The station changed its call letters from KBOQ to KSUR on Monday, March 20. I donít know how long this format will last, as this station has changed formats several times over the years. (3/24/17): KBOQís format is being streamed on the Internet and can be accessed at http://laoldies.com/

For local listeners the format can be heard on 105 GO COUNTRY at 105.1 FM ñ HD-2. The previous Adult Standards format can be heard on 105.1 FM ñ HD-3 (Broadcasting Information, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

** U S A. 1550, April 3 at 0352 UT, ``La Raza, ciento ---- punto uno`` after music not // 1570 XERF La Hora Nacional, so two clues this is Unitedstatesian, not Mexican: true dentro-mejicanos don`t need to brand themselves as ``La Raza``. NRC AM Log shows the only SS on 1550 as La Raza is KMRI West Valley City UT (SLC), 10000/340 watts U1, but nothing about an FM. Then I search the WTFDA FM database for a Raza on 1550 with any FM, but no hits. Nor does Radio-locater but leads to its website http://www.larazamedia.com/ which does display 107.1 only in the form of some listener`s greeting. ``La Raza 107.1 es la mejor estacion de Utah" Saul Venegas, Salt Lake City UT``. This is probably my unID of March 27.

Going back to the WTFDA FM DB for 107.1 in UT, we find this for La Raza: KEGH Woodruff UT, 89 kW, 647m, but also low powers with different coordinates KEGH-FM1 in Ogden, -FM2 in Bountiful, -FM3 in SLC itself, -FM4 in Provo. But never any connexion shown with 1550 KMRI. Or 1660 KXOL!

Previous reports had 1550 simulcasting 1660 KXOL in UT. Neil Kazaross, IL, posted on March 20, 2017: ``You may want to listen to 1550 if you need KMRI from Utah. SS mx and the gal gives a 3 station ID at about 1158:30 UTC. She mentioned 1660 Brigham City but I thought they were gone? ``

KXOL is gone from the FCC AM Query database, not even as DKXOL, FWIW. The IRCA archive has a few hits on KMRI, and lots more of KXOL, but in the latter case, none since 2015y. As for this log, soon losing out to soul music in English. I could believe KMRI is really on night power of 340 watts instead of 10 kW day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The answer to your query was in the Groups section of the LOG //La Raza under the station listing means look in the groups to see what the // stations are under La Raza:

La Raza - KEGH-107.1, KXOL-1660, KMRI-1550 --- Page 275 of the LOG. 73 (Wayne Heinen, editor, NRC AM Log, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ah yes; while some entries show the FM // without looking in the back (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 1570, FLORIDA, WTWB, Auburndale. 1039 April 2, 2017. Male "La Raza" between Mexi-tunes. Fair and putting up a good fight against

big border bro' XERF. Really on 13 watts night/psra power? (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1610, "KCR" CA, San Diego. 4/3 0138 - San Diego State University student radio station has returned to AM after many years as an internet-only station. They were previously on 550 and 1620 kHz. "KCR College Radio." I was several miles from campus, so I'm guessing this is probably a TIS transmitter, maybe 10 watts, and presumably not legal? NEW; my 56th station on 1610, mostly TIS/HAR but a few broadcast stations and a handful of talking houses from different realtors ("Tim Hall", San Diego CA - Toyota car radio. Dates/times UT, ABDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

** U S A. 1660, WBCN, Charlotte NC identifying at 0500 UT 17/3 as ìThis is Americaís Pulse 16-60 WBCN, Charlotte, WKQC-HD3 Charlotte, WSOC-HD2 Charlotte, a Beasley Media Group stationî (Guido via Real DX Yahoo Group via April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** U S A. 1690, MARYLAND, WPTX, Lexington. 1020 April 1, 2017. Tune-in to Chuck Berry's "Mabeline" which was WMLB, but also "Swayin' To the Music (Slow Dancing)" by Johnny Rivers overtaking, then male canned "The music you love.. right here on WPXT." Into Atlanta Rhythm Section "Spooky" segued to Anita Baker "Giving You the Best I Got" then "Nutbush City Limits" Ike & Tina Turner. The first MD station heard from this QTH, I believe. WBAL was heard from Casselberry and remote visits to St. Augustine, but not here. In the next day, same hour atop WMLB. Gotta be running day power, the SOP for most stations these days I suppose (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, NRD-535, IC-R75, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. GOODBYE, GESTALT GARDENER? CUTS THREATEN MORE THAN NPR
By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS Associated Press AP Photo Apr 2, 9:13 AM EDT
http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_BUDGET_RADIO_IN_A_SMALL_TOWN?SITE=AP

BELZONI, Miss. (AP) -- In a Mississippi Delta hamlet that calls itself the "Catfish Capital of the World," public radio is one of Gus Mohamed`s constant companions on his long commutes past cotton and soybean fields.

One of his favorite shows, "Gestalt Gardener," bears some hallmarks of public broadcasting stereotypes: quirky voices, cheesy music and zealous listeners calling with questions. And it could go off the air because of President Donald Trump`s proposal to eliminate federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, or CPB.

"I really don`t know what I would listen to," said Mohamed, a 57-year-old Trump voter who isn`t convinced the president will get

enough support to go through with cuts that would hit Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

Mohamed, a nurse, spends some 20 hours a week with the voices on public radio. His attachment is apparent in the parody song he wrote about the do-what-makes-you-happy horticulturalist who hosts the gardening show, set to the tune of "The Ballad of Davy Crockett": "Felder, Felder Rushing, prince of the plant frontier ..."

Some conservatives have salivated over the idea of cutting funding for public broadcasting, criticizing it as a bastion of elites waxing poetic about liberal politics. But the cuts wouldn`t be isolated to Washington or National Public Radio.

Officials at Mississippi Public Broadcasting say they do not know what would be cut if federal support for CPB disappears, so it`s unclear if the call-in shows with physicians, money managers and lawyers could see reduced airtime or be chopped entirely.

Mississippi Public Broadcasting already has been losing state support because of dwindling state tax collections. It gets about $1.9 million from CPB, and another $1 million from private donations, said executive director Ronnie Agnew. It was slated to receive about $6.9 million from the state this year but saw that slashed by $345,000 and stands to lose another $461,000 in state money for the next fiscal year.

Some Republicans say public broadcasting doesn`t serve an essential government function and shouldn`t get tax dollars, anyway, so it`s unlikely lawmakers in one of the nation`s poorest states would make up the loss.

Money from CPB typically represents 10 percent to 15 percent of a station`s budget. Stations serving rural and minority communities would likely be hit hardest because they don`t have a broad enough donor base to make up the difference, CPB`s president and chief executive officer, Patricia de Stacy Harrison, recently told Congress.

Congress last year put $445 million into CPB - a relatively tiny slice of the $4 trillion federal budget. CPB says it gives financial support to 575 television or radio stations, and 248 of those serve rural areas.

Shelly Battista says it would be a personal loss if "Gestalt Gardener" disappears. The show helped her meet people and get involved with a master gardeners` program when she moved a few years ago to Crystal Springs, a town of about 5,000 some 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of the capital of Jackson.

"My favorite thing to do is to turn on the show and listen to it while I`m in the garden," Battista said. "I love Felder`s gardening philosophy. He`s open-minded and kind of funky."

Education is a big part of public broadcasting`s mission, especially crucial in a state that consistently lags in national education rankings. There`s Ed, the puppet with spiky purple hair who teaches kids about nutrition on "Ed Said." And not all of the money goes to radio and TV programs.

The network also gives literacy grants to preschools, including Agape Educational Center in Canton, a town of about 13,250 roughly 20 miles (about 32 kilometers) north of Jackson. One recent morning, 15 bouncy 4- and 5-year-olds were learning words that start with "R`` and concepts like opposites - over/under, tall/short, do/don`t - by using "Between the Lions," a TV show produced by Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

"I would hate to see this go away," Margaret Chapman, the center`s executive director, said as a teacher asked the children to clap for each syllable in a series of words.

Back in Belzoni (bell-ZOH-nah) - a town of 2,100 residents that is about 75 miles (120 kilometers) northwest of Jackson - Terry Waller grew up watching "Sesame Street" and now his own youngsters, ages 4, 5 and 8, have their own favorite public TV shows. He spends his days serving soul food at The Lunch Basket, his restaurant with a buffet that features the local specialty - catfish, grown on nearby farms and processed at a local plant. Around downtown are 5-foot fiberglass catfish painted as Uncle Sam, a farmer, a nurse.

When he gets home, 45-year-old Waller likes to kick back on his couch and watch "NewsHour."

"I love PBS," said Waller, who voted for Hillary Clinton and disagrees with the proposed public broadcasting cuts. "I watch it just about every day."

Follow Emily Wagster Pettus on Twitter:
http://twitter.com/EWagsterPettus.
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** VANUATU. 7259.96, R. Vanuatu. April 1, with much better than normal reception; various amounts of QRM (hams, etc.).

Highlights:

1139-1155: Interview in vernacular; few words in English ("employment information").
1155-1158: Indigenous pop song.
1158-1203: Preaching (Christian) in vernacular.
1203-1229: Non-stop Christian religious songs, many in English.
1229: Clear "Radio Vanuatu" ID.

My edited audio at http://goo.gl/27xiGc

Am still not hearing them on 3944.2 (Ron Howard,Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7259.96, R. Vanuatu. April 2 (Sunday), with the second day of superior reception; found it hard to tune away, as it's not often heard so well. Highlights:

1134-1200: Syndicated Christian religious program in English - "Tomorrow's World," talking about witchcraft, Halloween, the occult, video games and Harry Potter.

1230-1300: Religious program in vernacular & religious music/ singing; nice organ music.

1300-1320: "Radio Vanuatu" ID; drums & blowing of conch shell; news in vernacular ("Vanuatu's foreign policy priorities"; cultural exchange between Vanuatu & New Caledonia; Solomon Islands government minister; etc.).

1320: "Sports News."

1332: Drums & blowing of conch shell.

1440-1453 & 1521-1528: EZL songs; strange they played several xmas songs ("White Christmas," etc.). Surprised to be able to still hear them this late.

7259.96, R. Vanuatu. April 3, with the third day of above average reception; 1244-1302 with pop songs; followed by drums and blowing of conch shell; ID and news in vernacular (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN CITY. 7360, 0316-, Vatican Radio, Mar 26. Excellent reception in English, African accented with some announcers, lots of news of Pope Francis. Also checked 15470 (via Philippines) which was heard at fair/good level, but only with fill music. At 0320, African music (really!), and into a report about World Water Day, and the

situation in Africa (from UN Radio). At 0327, sign off by a native African English speaker, then Laudetur Jesus Chrystus, and the VR IS. Swahili is scheduled next at 0330 (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. 9610, April 5 at 1156, Vatican Radio closing Spanish via Greenville USA, violating Separation of Church and State, 1158 playing IS as customary at the end of transmissions. Checking this because Mark Coady, Ontario had reported hearing RHC on 9610 // other RHC frequencies, April 3 at 1140. Maybe then, but if so, would be in a big collision. I do hear RHC on 9640 as usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. 1330, YVOY, Radio Los Llanos reported inactive (Mauno Ritola, ARC via DXWW II, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

1310: I am pleased to report that RNV, El Informativo 1310, Barcelona, Estado Anzo·tegui and Radio Deporte 1590, Caracas have been reactivated. Also back on the air is Radio Centro 610 in Cantaura, Estado Anzo·tegui. But UniÛn Radio 640 has been off the air for more than two weeks and Radio Barcelona 1080 for three months. Hopefully they will also soon be reactivated (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, WRTH fb group, translation Christer Brunstrˆm, ARC via DXWW II, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

660, YVNA, Ondas de los Medanos, Coro off the air.

1350, YVTJ, Radio FalcÛn, Puerto Cumarebo off the air (Max van Arnhem visiting CuraÁao via Mauno Ritola, ARC via DXWWII, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. The following stations were all active and audible in Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham and Kratie CBG between February 11-18th:

Ho Chi Minh City 610 kHz, Long An 756 kHz, Ca Mau 909 kHz, Tien Giang 1089 kHz, An Giang 1170 kHz.

VOV 549/576/594/630/648/657/666/675/702/711/729/740/783/819/873/1242 kHz

VOV2 Ho Chi Minh City 558 kHz 50 kW is off the air, but carried by 819 kHz in Buon Me Thuot.

In Feb 2017 the regional frequencies were apparently inactive: Can Tho 837, Dong Nai 720/909 and Tay Ninh 1125 (Alan Davies via Mauno Ritola 8.3.2017 via DXWWII, IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [and non]. 9730. Mar 30 at 1911, Voice of Vietnam, Son Tay, in English. Woman announcer talks news in English, on VOV, and man announcer talks news in Portuguese, on China Radio International. It¥s a just collision, of course (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Antenna: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, 0454, ZNBC Lusaka initially fair with highlife music, vernacular announcements, English news from 0500 28/3. Also audible most mornings around 1900 UT but usually in local languages (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC and AOR7030+ receivers, EWEs to North, Central & South America, April NZ DX Times via DXLD)

5915, ZNBC1, Lusaka. Apr 4, 2017 Tuesday. 0250-0320. Nothing heard. Jo'burg sunrise 0418 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5915, ZNBC1, Lusaka. Apr 4, 2017 Tuesday.1730-1732. Song followed by OM talking. ID ìZNBC Radio 1î at 1731. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1603.

4965, Voice of Hope, Lusaka. Apr 4, 2017 Tuesday. 1730-1735. Program // 6065. But marginally better reception. Jo'burg sunset 1603.

6065, Voice of Hope // 4965, Lusaka. Apr 4, 2017 Tuesday. 1730-1735. Christian song. At 1733 Christian talk by YL. At 1734 ìTime is 1934 Central African Timeî, ID and frequencies at 1735. Good. Jo'burg sunset 1603 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, 1759-, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Mar 26. As Mickey Delmage recently pointed out, a sick transmitter. I first thought it might have been DRM hash, but no, the audio is there, a bit subdued but with white noise a bit stronger than the real audio. Not in English, but might be at 1801:50, though hard to be sure. Don't think so, though (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. Hi Glenn, There was definitely a problem with Zanzibar 6015 this morning, apart from its coming on air late!

I wonder if China CNR on the same frequency at that time might be relevant. Never caused a problem before, but maybe they have increased output power or propagation was very favourable for them to reach here.

6015, ZBC Radio, Dole. Mar 31, 2017 Friday. 0305-0311. Nothing heard,

no carrier. Jo'burg sunrise 0417.

6015, Dole. Mar 31, 2017 Friday. 0321-0332. Something there but spoiled by rapid pulsing, too fast to count the frequency. At one brief point I thought I heard a chirping noise. Whatever it was, it rendered Zanzibar totally unreadable this morning in Jo'burg. Couldn't even reliably tell music from speech. Reasonable strength carrier. Jo'burg sunrise 0417 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, TANZANIA-ZANZIBAR ZBC Radio at 2035 in Swahili with East African pop vocals to 2049 with no announcements and abruptly off ñ Good signal but still with pulsing sound Apr 3 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA yg via DXLD)

6015, ZBC Radio, Dole. Apr 4, 2017 Tuesday. 0251-0325. Came on air late at *0320, straight into Swahili monologue by OM. Still with pulsing interference. Jo'burg sunrise 0418 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, April 4 at 2052, ZBC is VP, but with BFO I hear two carriers slightly apart beating against each other. This correlates with Wolfgang B¸schel`s observation on March 23: ``Two program strings on TZA even 11735.0 kHz, and another string visible nearby on 11734.966 kHz. Heard a male announcer, but also a steady music played`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) or: could be RTM Brazil, q.v.

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, April 1, at 1159-1202 UT: 774, 693, 594, 828, 1314, all seem from NW but extremely weak (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1269, 1423-, Unid, Mar 27. Two cochannels here. The first, weaker, is on 1269.000, while there's another, off channel, on 1269.099 kHz. Possibly the Filipino? (Volodya Salmaniw, Masset, Haida Gwaii, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4710.011 at 1022 UT, Spanish language Latin America music, S=7-8, from Bolivia? 73 wolfie [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, For the very first time since 2010 year I was lucky this morning to access a SDR Server in Brasil in worldwide Perseus Net. 1015-1245 UT on March 30, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, DXLD)

or third harmonic of 1570 (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6755.50-USB, April 3 at 0342, 2-way in unknown language, too close to Trenton Military, CHR on 6754.0-USB, QRMing each other

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6930-USB, April 2 at 0035, JBA music at S7 = noise level; don`t think there is a carrier. I`m looking for R. PiraÒa Internacional, from South America, which notified me that they are running all-night from 20 to 14 UT until April 3 or 4, with 10 watts, or PEP of 40 watts. I find two other unID logs at same time from NY and MA, and they say all the music by Cream. Was that it, or something North American? One says it went off at 0053:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,33842.0.html

Here`s the note from RPI, which I posted ASAP to the DXLD yg:

``We are now into the last days of transmissions from our South American site. We have received several reports from very faraway. That is impressive taking in mind our very low power! Only 10 watts carrier (aprox. 40 PEP). We have besides from South America, received reports from the USA, Germany, Finland and New Zealand! We continue to Monday 4th [sic] of April when closing down will be around 14 hours UT. Sched: 6930 kHz 2000-1400 UT

One of the receptions in Finland:
https://youtu.be/GEGy4kktOoU

Reception in Germany:
https://app.box.com/s/iafk0ron5fhqmgorlz7na8duo4ai35gr
-- Porfavor siempre responder a: rpi@radiopirana.com ``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6930, re my unID and others`, R. PiraÒa Internacional replies: ``Hi! Thank you for your mail. The music by Cream was not us. Thank you for posting to the DXLD! An aclaration, as I wrote wrong. We will broadcast to Tuesday 4th April, 14 UT. Jorge`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7382.50-USB, April 1 at 0440, 2-way in choppy language, but seem to be some French words involved (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7480, carrier only, may be a technical check by the engineer? S=9+35dB signal at 0338 to 0345 UT TX cut off. No program audio could be heard so far. Heard on remote Doha Qatar unit. Probably technician in Grigoriopol Maiac Moldova checked their TX/Antenna feed. Later the day channel is used for Persian target service at 116degr. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9505, Seems to be a new transmission. First heard at 0955 on 10/3, then heard again on 17/3 at 1000 with Chinese

announcements and time pips. All I managed to decipher was ìdientaiî. Not listed in the new HFCC dated 24/3, and still there tonight, 28/3 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom IC-R75, Realistic DX-160, Longwire), April Australian DX News via DXLD) It`s Voice of Strait, Fuzhou (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. UNKNOWN, Strong unmodulated carriers on March 27/29
0600-0632 on 9825 unknown tx / unknown, not WHRI Angel 2
0700-0714 on 12100 unknown tx / unknown, plus test tone
0900-0911 on 9390 unknown tx / unknown, test BIB/TAC/UDO
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/strong-unmodulated-carrier-on-9390-khz.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1000 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 30, 2017, via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11435-USB, April 2 at 1336-1341+, presumed Indonesian QSO pirates singing and talking over each other; some of the singing keeps repeating the same few syllables, and also trying to duet, from different transmitters? Strongest around S5. No others found in the 11.4`s this time. If these signals are really low-powered from Indonesia, hint hint, Voice of Indonesia could reach us better on 25m than 9524.9v, this hour in English; but 11785, old VOI frequency, is occupied by CNR1 jamming with serious Chinese opera (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 26595, OUTBANDERS, 3/27, 2025. Spanish language outbanders on what otherwise is totally dead 11 m band. Note: also noted "The Mustang", in n out on 27105. (F-12) (Rick, a.k.a. Barton, AZ, some logs from the patio picnic table listening post. Unless otherwise stated, logs are with a Longines Symphonette 4597 "World Traveler" with whip antenna, and a RadioShack SW-2000629/ATS-505/Model 20-629/DX-402, and a 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) What`s that?? (gh)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1872:

Thanks also to Thomas Vander Vliet, Naperville IL, for a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

Great show, thanks a lot for all the work you put in (David Cheever, with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)
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One may also contribute by check or MO in US funds on a US bank to
WORLD OF RADIO, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

PUBLICATIONS
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FM, AM AND NOW TV FCC DATABASES - APRIL 2017

The requests just kept coming so all 3 are now done. The links for all 3 are below. Feel free to share on other lists too.

Remember to enter your latitude and longitude (no minus sign) in the yellow boxes in the upper right corner and then sort the spreadsheet however you like it.

TV DB -
https://www.dropbox.com/s/1fwt76c0747q55q/2017-04-02-FCC%20TV%20Database-v1.xlsm?dl=0

AM DB -
https://www.dropbox.com/s/5zupuzqry0yey8u/2017-04-02-FCC%20AM%20Database-v2.xlsm?dl=0

FM DB -
https://www.dropbox.com/s/wd5jxlvjuh6bvuv/2017-03-29-FCC%20FM%20Database-v2.xlsm?dl=0

(Bill Nollman, Farmington, CT, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

RADIO SCHEDULE IN RUSSIAN / SEASON A17 SUMMER 2017

Page on the Internet - Voice of Free Russia.
http://freerutube.info/2017/03/13/raspisanie-radio-na-russkom-yazyike-sezon-a17-leto-2017/
(RusDX 2 April via DXLD)

BEHIND THE CURTAIN --- Preview of an Exciting New Book by Mark Fahey

ADXN members will know Mark Fahey, a radio communications enthusiast who has visited North Korea on many occasions. His personal research and insights into all things North Korean have been well documented in many places.

Mark describes himself as an eHealth Clinical Informatics Specialist / Digital Media Developer, Author and Publisher, a communicator and strategic thinker driven by the passion of introducing new technologies to healthcare. He is also a regular plenary speaker and presenter of visionary solutions at international medical, scientific,

technology and broadcasting conferences.

Mark has just released his Preview Behind The Curtain eBook in the iTunes Store as an Apple iBook for both MacOS and iOS devices. This book has been years in the making, is highly interactive with many audio and video examples, and very accessible.

As well as being most informative, it is also a highly entertaining read! Mark offers real insights into life in the "Hermit Kingdom", with photographs and media not previously seen, along with text that shines a light on how the government works and how its citizens live from day to day. The book is described as:

North Korea prevents its citizens from accessing any form of independent media. Any citizen who attempts to access foreign broadcasts to seek information from the outside world risks being interned in one of the stateís notorious prison camps. The very few visitors to the country are strictly forbidden to bring into North Korea radios or other communications equipment. As a result, little independent and objective information about the propaganda based mass-media of the country has been gathered or published. Over successive trips into each province of the country,

Behind the Curtain has undertaken monitoring, recording and analysis of the propaganda and broadcast media used by the North Korean regime as a prime instrument of control over the population.

Behind the Curtain offers an immersive experience of interactive diagrams, photos, audio and video. The project when completed will be divided into a series of large downloadable volumes. Our first release, this Preview Volume allows select content from the project to be sampled in one single download.

The online source for tech, digital culture and entertainment content, Mashable, has described Mark's work as ìThis unprecedented project is a multimedia e-book containing audio, video, photographs and even interactive annotated panorama views has lifted the curtain on North Korea's propaganda machine, surreptitiously documenting the country's strange everyday life, which is shaped by the regime's indoctrination efforts.î

For radio enthusiasts, there is a large section devoted to NK broadcasting in its various forms, including an excellent summary devoted to both shortwave and mediumwave broadcasting. There is information on jamming with audio examples of the jamming sounds utilized by the government. There's also a very good section on the clandestine radio stations beaming into NK (Echo of Hope, Voice of the People, the Japanese Furusato No Kaze, and others), again with audio

clips of their broadcasts. There's even a section on Korean numbers stations.

Other fascinating sections of the eBook include a look at NK television (there are some very funny video clips captured here!!), the role and pervasiveness of propaganda in film, music and especially for visitors, and some very perceptive insights into the country's leadership, children, industry, technology, agriculture and attempts at reunification.

This is a wonderful book! I have downloaded it onto both my early 2014 iPad Air and my 27" iMac computer and all the interactivity performed flawlessly. iBooks on your Mac requires OS X 10.9 or later.

And aside from all that, amazingly the eBook is currently FREE! Here is the link for your free copy:
http://itunes.apple.com/us/book/id1215367066

It's a big download because of all the included interactive materials (1.8 Gigs on iPad). But it's well worth the wait! Read more about the book at:
http://behindthecurtain.asia/
Congratulations, Mark on your fine work.
(Rob Wagner VK3BVW, April Australian DX News via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS
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WALT SALMANIW ON HAIDA GWAII

I just returned from a one week visit to my DX cottage near Masset, BC on magical Haida Gwaii, off the north west coast of North America. My cottage is located on the ocean, and is 70 km due south of Ketchikan, AK, the nearest city to my QTH. On this visit, I started with my usual ALA 100 LN permanently mounted in a large diameter aimed NE/SW, and my favourite antenna, the 750í+ BOG aimed to the NW. After several days, and especially when a large geomagnetic storm hit, favouring signals to the south (i.e. Australia/NZ), I also added my DKAZ aimed at the east coast of Australia, and a due north mini-Beverage of about 450í in length, in case there were any Euro openings. Conditions were definitely challenging, owing to the solar conditions.

Nonetheless, it was fun hearing 4MK 1026 from Australia at armchair level during the peak of the storms. My receiver set up, are 2 Perseus SDRs, with one dedicated exclusively to Mestor (timed recordings of the entire MW and LW band), while the other is for live DXing. An AOR 7030+ receiver is also used, primarily to record interesting programs (like the several Indonesians on the tropical bands). As always, lots

of fun, especially with the near zero noise floor. Now, if I could just get internet access! Having just returned from Masset, please let me know if there are any errors or omissions/corrections.

Returning home this time was a 3 day journey, leaving Thursday afternoon to catch the overnight ferry to the mainland, then another full day and night on the same ferry coming down to the north tip of Vancouver Island at Port Hardy, and another 6+ hour drive home to the opposite end of the island to Victoria! 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Walt`s logs have been integrated into this issue. They were originally an attachment on the dxldyg which included some nice photos, the captions to which are:

Masset airport has a NDB (non-directional beacon), running 10w on 1U on 278 kHz, located at the NE corner of the airfield adjacent to the single runway 31/13. Photo taken from the beach.

Masset cemetery is located immediately west of the airport and adjacent the beach. Full of history of bygone years and settlers (via gh, DXLD)

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SWL QSL CARD MUSEUM

(Website Best Viewed with Chrome/Chromium Browser)

This site is dedicated to the hobby of Shortwave Radio Listening and the collection of station verification reports, better known as QSLs. The QSLs are presented (card and letter format) from various collections throughout the world. If you have a QSL from a station not represented in our collection, we would be very interested in making it part of the museum. The museum is supported entirely by volunteer contributors. To view QSLs from a particular country simply click on the country name below.

http://www.antique-corner.com/SWLQSL/
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

One from the way back machine [non] --- SPEEDX

I had been saying to myself recently, "Remember the good old days in the 1970's and 1980's when we looked forward to the arrival of our favourite DX Club magazine? And how I wished that it would have been nice to keep a couple of copies of my personal favourite, SPEEDX.

Although my contributions were generally pretty light, it was one of the highlights of the DX/SWL experience: to actually contribute to something - to be part of something as exciting as DXing was way back when.

I had done a few Google searches over the years - finding nothing other than a footnote in history - a short explanation of what SPEEDX was and its impact on the scene. Imagine my delight when I found an online resource of dozens and dozens of PDF downloads of the magazines!

http://www.americanradiohistory.com/Speedx.htm
[There is MUCH more at this site --- gh]

Some months and years are missing but there is hope that those of us that held on to the zines over the years may fill in the holes.

I imagine a few of us on HCDX, IRCA and others were part of this mania at the time - there was nothing like it in the years to come - Sure, these are interesting radio times but there was something about the early days of youth and innocence and the sheer freshness of the radio experience early on.

And to those of you on the list, that were once members of a Shortwave radio club with a monthly self-published zine... Hello! Remember the good old days? -- Colin Newell - Editor and creator *of *Coffeecrew.com <http://www.Coffeecrew.com> and DXer.ca <http://www.DXer.ca> - VA7WWV | Twitter @CoffeeCrew | Victoria - Canada, March 31, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

BBC MAKES DIGITISED EDITIONS OF RADIO TIMES 1923-29 AVAILABLE ONLINE

BBC Media Centre press release today:

The BBC is making the earliest issues of the complete Radio Times magazines publicly available online for the first time. This release is part of the BBC Genome Project - a digitised searchable database of programme listings - from 1923 to the end of 2009.

BBC programme records have been available to the public via the BBC Genome Project since October 2014. Now, users can access digitised editions of the magazines from 1923-1929. Opening up this archive means researchers will be able to make direct links between the listings in the database and the original published listings.

Early colour front covers, specially commissioned illustrations and letters from the BBCís first radio audience form part of the content

in this fascinating record of early broadcasting.

Radio Times began in 1923, a year after the British Broadcasting Company started regular broadcasts, and thus provides a valuable record of the programmes that have been broadcast over nine decades.

More than five million programme records, scanned from Radio Times magazines, form the backbone of the BBC Genome website. Now, members of the public will be able to view the 1920s listings in facsimile, as well as all the extra material contained in articles and features in the magazine that have previously been unavailable on the site.

Hilary Bishop, Archive Development Editor, says: ìWe are particularly pleased that it is easy for our users to flick between the listings in the database and the related text in the magazine, as well as to scroll through articles not seen previously on BBC Genome. It is part of our commitment to continually improving BBC Genome and helping to open up the BBCís archives as much as possible.î

Radio Times in the 1920s featured regular articles by the first Director General of the BBC, Lord Reith, and the BBCís chief engineer, Peter Eckersley, addressing topics that concerned the BBC audience of the time, such as how to choose the best 'receiving set' and how to prevent 'oscillations' over the airwaves.

Articles, cartoons and programme listings all provide an insight into the history of broadcasting and the BBCís first listeners, while adding some context, for a modern audience, to the earliest BBC programme records. The first editions of Radio Times show a nation still enthralled by the technological wonder of the new 'wireless' sets.

In each edition for the first few years of publication, cartoons explored the comic possibilities of a public who still didnít quite understand how radio worked. ìWould you kindly remove your hat madam?î asks a man at a 'wireless village concert'. Yet the performer on stage is a radio set.

As the public wrestled with their new radio antennae, legendary cartoonist W. Heath Robinson illustrated two editions with eccentric designs of aerials.

Other historical snippets include a 'new experiment', in 1924, to broadcast a programme from California, to London. The exercise was to be repeated in the opposite direction. ìIf suitable conditions exist in the atmosphereî, concludes the article, ìthere is no reason why the experiment should not be successfulî.

You can access the digitised 1920s magazines at:
http://genome.ch.bbc.co.uk

http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2017/radio-times-1920s

Posted by: (Mike Barraclough, March 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hi, I've been browsing some of the digitised Radio Times editions. Alas, I don't like that split window. It reduces normal full view to the half and it's in the entire pages just to show "When you hover over a programme listing its details will appear here.NB: this feature is not enabled for any other part of the magazine.". Annoying. 73 (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, ibid.)

RADIO COMMUNICATION MUSEUM OF GREAT BRITAIN -- Southgate April 4, 2017

This is a brand-new museum which, as the name suggests, is focussed on all aspects of Radio Communication. It is located in the city of Derby in Central England.

This web site is under construction and will be expanded as the museum itself is built. It will grow to become both an overview of the museum, as well as an information resource for people with an interest in radio communication.

The current status of the museum is that the building is complete and was handed over to the museumís team of volunteers in mid-February 2016. That is when the real work began in earnest; laying out the display galleries, creating the mechanical workshop and the ESD laboratory / workshop; creating the Operations Room where radios and transmitters will be live and connected to antennas.

Read more at:
http://radiocommunicationmuseum.org/
Posted by: (Mike Terry, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ALASKA; CHINA; UK; ZANZIBAR
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC & CQUAM
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WDGY OFF OF IBOC AND IN C-QUAM

Hi All, Tuned into 740 WDGY today. Heard a song I liked, so hit the 12 kHz bandwidth option on the TS-690S, and as I pressed it, I thought now Iíll hear the IBOC jammer, but I didnít. I heard wide bandwidth. Popped over to my SDR to confirm and IBOC is gone. Theyíve got a nice

20 kHz signal (+/- 10 kHz audio).

For giggles, I took a look at +/- 25 Hz for the C-QUAM pilot tones. Lo & behold thar they be! WDGY is in AM Stereo. Hope they stay that way and this isnít some crazy weekend experiment (Greg N0QDS Putrich, Plymouth, MN, 1058 UT March 30, Minnesota DX Club yg via DXLD)

This is a permanent situation (Todd Skaine, Bloomington MN, ibid.)

Hi Greg, Glad to see that they have shut off the IBOC, I have noticed it off for the past several days while testing my IC-7300 on the MW band. Now if only the CBS stations WCCO, WSCR, and WBBM would follow suit. 73, (Mike KA0KLQ Bates, ibid.)

Todd, Do you know if they purchased a new (old) transmitter with the C-QUAM modulation equipment? To Scott's point, my OLD car and C-QUAM in it and I remember exactly one station here and one station in KC that were broadcasting in AM stereo. I had a Kenwood tuner a few years ago that I specifically purchased for AM Stereo, but sold it.... now I wish I hadn't.

Anyone know if there's an adapter out there that can be a C-QUAM converter? I kind of doubt it since it's an entirely different detector (Paul W0AD Staupe, ibid.)

Hi Paul, It's as new as the HD transmitter was. It's to this person`s knowledge that all they have to do is throw a switch on the transmitter from IBOC to CQuam (Todd Skaine, ibid.)

Hi Mike, I agree. I wish IBOC would go away so they'd stop jamming adjacent channels. I've tried HD, but the radio has a hard time locking onto WCCO and when it does, its sounds like a poor Internet stream. I've tried 780 at night, but it never had a lock for more than a second. I know its not meant for DX, but then MW does that.

The wider analog sounds so much better, the signal sounds alive.

Some radios I can barely notice, some is a world of difference. Opened the EQ up a bit in the car stereo and does sound better (but it`s not in AM Stereo there --- pity). At home, the NC-183D sounds a little better. The TS-690S & the SDRs sound fantastic, but then they do have very wide filters. The SDR can do C-QUAM and sounds really good. The home stereos do sound better, even though they're not AM Stereo.

So now there are two C-QUAM stations in daytime range of the Twin Cities. The other being 540 WXYG up in Sauk Rapids. I still have a Sony SRF-42 Walkman with AM Stereo that I've had for 20+ years. Tuning is fickle on the tiny dial, but still works. I am very happy to hear

that this is permanent. Next to shortwave? C-QUAM on shortwave? (Greg Putrich, ibid.)

I've gotten a lock on WBBM and WCSR. My next goal is to lock KSL or WABC (Todd, ibid.)

Hi Greg, Yes, HD is finicky to hold lock, my Subaru car radio is capable of receiving HD and I lose it on WCCO within 15 miles of their transmitter during the day, when going around corners etc(in and out not reliable lock). As Scott indicated in his post, it sounds better, but is highly unreliable. AM stereo sounds good, and most importantly, does not interfere with the adjacent channel. I think that IBOC is probably better suited to FM where the propagation and delivery mode are different.

This whole concept of trying to accommodate the existing modes, and not adopting DAB or DRM on a dedicated frequency band are futile. IBOC is one of the reasons AM Radio is in trouble along with the increase in noise generating devices in the home. Going to FM translators just mucks up the FM band and does not really solve the problem. Higher power and fewer stations may be the answer, if things are still economically viable. Mandating RF radiation limits on consumer devices to more stringent standards may be the best solution, but there are a lot of economic interests that would be opposed to this. 73, (Mike Bates, ibid.)

The radio in my Scion IQ is a pioneer HD. Not sure of the model. It holds lock on the HD stations pretty well. I`m able to hold lock on WCCO all the way down here to the Montgomery area with no problems. I do lose it in the evening if I drive down to Faribault. I also hold lock on most of the twin city FM stations and there sub channels. Although the HD-2 & 3 channels dont hold lock as well as the primary HD1 channel (Scott Blixt, MN, ibid.)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also CUBA; OKLAHOMA
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FCC SPECTRUM AUCTION CONCLUDES

The FCC Spectrum Auction wrapped up yesterday (Thursday) as scheduled. Now we just have to wait to hear the results.

From the FCC: "The FCC will release the Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice in a few weeks. This public notice will announce the results of the reverse and forward auctions and will provide important information, reminders, and details regarding post-auction procedures and the obligations of successful bidders in the reverse and forward auctions"

I wonder why it will take a few weeks for the results release. The channel assignments were determined a couple of months ago. The 39 month repack "clock" doesn't begin until this public notice is released.

Interestingly, all wireless participants in the Forward Auction are still prohibited from communicating about the auction until this public notice is released. As you know, broadcasters were granted a waiver of this "silence mandate" several weeks ago (Chris Lucas - Poughkeepsie, NY - FN31bs, March 31, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

From the Reading Pile:
ITíS ëABSURDí BROADCASTERS COULD BE FORCED OFF AIR BY CHANNEL REPACK, NAB says https://t.e2ma.net/click/uwcjh/a5181k/ec6b2b
(Indiana Radio Watch April 3 via John Carver, DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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BEITC PREVIEW: ìFCC AM REVITALIZATION ó WHAT IT IS, THE IMPACT AND CONSEQUENCES

http://www.radioworld.com/nab-show/0028/beitc-preview-fcc-am-revitalization--what-it-is-the-impact-and-consequences/339402
(Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, March 30, Sent from my iPad, ABDX via DXLD)

In the real world, culturally, AM passed its peak decades ago. For most people under a certain age, AM is either unknown or irrelevant.

The industry seems to always have the same answers - more stations, more power, fewer regulations - the last being the staple of pretty much any industry you can name over the past 20 or so years. More power simply increases the baseline. More stations, more hours increases the amount of interference. Interference from other devices (which have their own lobbyists) are ignored - rules which have existed for some time are not enforced.

So to me, this is just another round of same-old-same-old with one exception. That exception is the addition and expansion of FM translators for AM's. (There are some in this area running a ridiculous 250 watts!). Ultimately that accomplishes a similar escalation of power and stations on FM, which will push FM into a place similar to where AM is today.

Bottom line though, broadcast radio is still fighting an uphill battle against other means of providing audio entertainment. It's just that the broadcast industry and the FCC have ended up enabling the "enemy"

(Russ Edmunds, 15 mi NW Phila, IRCA via DXLD)

PROMETHEUS PETITIONS FCC TO SLOW THE AM TRANSLATOR TRAIN

http://www.radioworld.com/business-and-law/0009/prometheus-petitions-fcc-to-slow-the-am-translator-train/339438
(via Dennis Gibson, April 4, Sent from my iPad, ABDX via DXLD)

STANDING INSIDE A BROADCAST TRANSMITTER WHILE IT'S ON!

This post is not [sic] about a transmitter site, so perhaps a bit off topic - sorry 'bout that! But some readers may find it interesting.

I stumbled across a YouTube video from the fabulous Mr Carlson's Lab channel. If you haven't check out this channel before, and you are really eager to learn more about electronics, this is a wonderful YouTube site.

So, in the latest episode, Mr Carlson takes us on a tour of a very large Gates BC-250-GY broadcast transmitter from the 40's era. Lots of big tubes, transformers and capacitors! This is an old mediumwave transmitter that he has restored. Although the technology has changed markedly since the 1940s, the basic principals of transmission are still present. And, interestingly, he points out that this particular unit was in regular service right up until as recently as 2003!

It's an interesting show and even if you can't grab onto all the technical information presented, I think you will enjoy looking at technology from a past era.
https://youtu.be/ZzpVhCL5aPg https://youtu.be/ZzpVhCL5aPg
73 and good DX to you all, (Rob Wagner VK3BVW, April 1, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

NEW BANDS! FCC ISSUES AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE RULES FOR 630 METERS AND 2,200 METERS

The Amateur Service will officially get two new bands in the near future. The FCC has adopted rules that will allow Amateur Radio access to the 630 and 2,200-meter bands, with minor conditions. A Report and Order(R&O) was released on March 29. The new rules become effective 30 days following publication in The Federal Register. The R&O, which also addresses several non-Amateur Radio issues, allocates the 472-479 kHz band (630 meters) to the Amateur Service on a secondary basis and amends Part 97 to provide for Amateur Service use of that band as well as of the previously allocated 135.7-137.8 kHz band (2,200 meters). The R&O also amends Part 80 rules to authorize radio buoy operations in the 1900-2000 kHz band under a ship station license.

"It' s a big win for the Amateur community and the ARRL," ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, said. "We are excited by the FCC's action to authorize Amateur Radio access for the first time on the MF and LF spectrum."

The FCC said the Amateur Radio service rules it has adopted for 630 meters and 2,200 meters allow "for co-existence with Power Line Carrier (PLC) systems that use these bands." Utilities have opposed Amateur Radio use of the MF and LF spectrum, fearing interference to unlicensed Part 15 PLC systems used to manage the power grid.

Amateurs operating on 472-479 kHz would be permitted a maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power (EIRP) of 5 W, except in parts of Alaska within 800 kilometers (approximately 496 miles) of Russia, where the maximum would be 1 W EIRP. Amateurs operating in the 135.7-137.8 kHz band could run up to 1 W EIRP.

The FCC is requiring a 1-kilometer separation distance between radio amateurs using the two new bands and electric power transmission lines with PLC systems on those bands. Amateur Radio operators will have to notify UTC of station location prior to commencing operations.

The FCC also placed a 60-meter (approximately 197 feet) above-ground-level (AGL) height limit on transmitting antennas used on 630 meters and 2,200 meters. The bands would be available to General class and higher licensees, and permissible modes would include CW, RTTY, data, phone, and image. Automatically controlled stations would be permitted to operate in the bands. More details soon, on the ARRL website.
(Scott Blixt, MDXC yg via DXLD)

NEWS ABOUT NEW SDR RECEIVER AIRSPY HF+

Ultime notizie sul nuovo ricevitore SDR Airspy HF+
https://playdxblog.blogspot.it/2017/04/nuovo-ricevitore-sdr-airspy-hf.html
ciao (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, dxldyg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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GEOMAGNETIC INDICES ñ Compiled by: Phil Bytheway
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Geomagnetic Summary March 1 2017 through March 31 2017
Tabulated from email status daily (K @ 0000 UTC)
Flux A K Space Wx

1 81 36 6 moderate, G2
2 79 32 3 minor, G1
3 78 33 1 minor, G1

4	75	22	4	minor, G1
5	73	16	4	no storms
6	72	25	4	minor, G1
7	72	16	3	no storms
8	71	10	3	no storms
9	71	15	2	no storms
10	71	12	2	no storms
11	70	6	3	no storms
12	70	9	1	no storms
13	70	3	0	no storms
14	70	4	1	no storms
15	70	7	3	no storms
16	71	6	1	no storms
17	71	4	2	no storms
18	70	2	1	no storms
19	71	2	1	no storms
20	73	2	0	no storms
21	71	26	4	minor, G1
22	73	27	5	minor, G1
23	72	11	1	no storms
24	72	6	0	no storms
25	74	4	1	no storms
26	77	4	1	no storms
27	83	54	5	moderate, G2
28	84	32	3	minor, G1
29	83	21	3	no storms
30	86	23	5	minor, G1
31	36	23	5	minor, G1

Gx ñ Geomagnetic Storm Level; Rx ñ Radio Blackouts Level; Sx ñ Solar Radiation Storm Level (IRCA DX Monitor April 8, published April 4, via DXLD)

ARE UFO'S INTERRUPTING YOUR RADIO AND TV?
Meteorologist Brooks Garner , KHOU 8:07 PM. CDT April 04, 2017
http://www.khou.com/news/local/are-ufos-interrupting-your-radio-and-tv/428537270

HOUSTON - In countless paranormal shows including The X-Files, whenever a UFO is about to get you -- hovering over your car or house -- the first symptom is that the radio goes haywire and stations you were once receiving, start to fuzz-out in a static melee. Then, various other automotive and home electronics start flashing in and out, before total failure preceding the inevitable light shaft.

Culturally, we've been primed to be creeped out whenever any of these symptoms show. Many of us driving around town had hairs raised on the back of the neck as it was discovered normally clear FM radio stations on the lower end (87FM to 93FM) and the higher end (104FM-108FM) were suddenly tough to tune-in. Some TV viewers using an antenna had

trouble pulling in a reliable signal from normally strong stations. This effect seemed to happen most between about 1am and 5am.

It was no fault of your TV or radio -- or the transmitters -- and it likely wasn't aliens. It was an observed and measurable phenomena called, "temperature inversion." Normally it's hotter at the ground that in the sky. Many times however, on clear nights, the ground cools faster than the air high above. This creates an inverted temperature profile, where it's actually warmer above the ground then at the surface.
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When it's warmer just above the ground than at the surface, it's called an, "inversion." Typically it's warmer at the ground, so it's considered upside-down, or 'inverted.' This can bounce radio waves and trap pollution.

That setup traps pollution making for poor air quality, and if strong enough, can bounce radio signals due to density changes. Cool air has a higher density than warm air, so as signals were broadcast from the tops of towers in the warm area, the transmissions would, "bounce off" of the cooler air below and go back out to the sky. Short-wave radio and HAM enthusiasts can tell you under these special conditions you can actually transmit much farther than normal, and receive signals from far-away continents you wouldn't normally be able. But for local viewers and listeners, it's not a, "good thing" because it makes it hard, if not impossible, to get your channels.

When an inversion has developed, radio waves can easily be bounced around the atmosphere, never reaching the ground locally, but potentially reaching areas thousands of miles away. It's a boon for HAM radio people, but bad for local broadcasters.

Yes, while they may have been able to pick up Houston TV signals in Corpus Christi or Dallas early this morning, those of us in Katy, The Woodlands and League City may have struggled. At time time of this event, temperatures were in the 60s at the top of the tower, while 1,500 feet below on the ground, in the cooler 50s. The signal could not make it to the surface, and instead was ducted (bounced) over the horizon to far away places before finally reaching the ground. (Sometimes those far-away cities experience interruption too even if they aren't in an inversion, because our signal may reach them when it normally doesn't. If we're on the same or similar frequency, the channels merge and a messy signal results.)

Next time you have trouble receiving a radio signal on a clear night, it's most likely not a flying saucer hovering over your car or home, but instead it's just the weather. Then again, most astrophysicists

and astronomy buffs will tell you that it is statistically highly likely, if not a guarantee, that we are not the only 'intelligent' life in the galaxy. (Of course, whether 'they' are visiting us or not is up for debate.) So, I should rephrase and say that weather is, "most likely" the cause of your signal's interference.
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This is too oversimplified about tropo. It certainly doesn`t stop at 5 am --- is more intense from sunrise and an hour or two past then. I`ve never known inversions to eliminate reception from nearby local analog signals, altho a field strength meter might be able to detect attenuation. And tropo beyond 1000 miles is extremely rare; does he know the difference from ionospheric propagation? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MAGNETIC PRECURSOR EVENT TO SOLAR FLARES DISCOVERED

Scott Bidstrup, TI3/W7RI sent this from Costa Rica:

"Don't know if you've seen this, but a magnetic precursor event to solar flares has been discovered, that may actually lead to short-term warnings before a flare occurs.

https://phys.org/news/2017-03-igniting-solar-flare-corona-lower-atmosphere.html

LACK OF VHF DX IN COSTA RICA

The six meter drought that everyone has been complaining about up there has been even worse for us down here in the single-digit latitudes. It's been at least six months since I've logged a six meter QSO. In the wake of coronal hole passages, there have been a couple of evenings recently with some very modest TEP openings from here into Brazil and Argentina, but with only a small handful of stations heard weakly and no new stations not already worked many times. There has been no sporadic E at all for many months - not even hearing the beacons from Venezuela and French Guiana that indicate our most common openings to the east. If there is supposed to be an inverse correlation between solar activity and sporadic E, like the textbooks claim, you could have sure fooled me.

Not that there has been no sporadic E at all; indeed, there has been very frequent Sporadic E openings into South America on 10m in the daytime here, and even frequent evening TEP openings into South America on 10m as well. But the signals are about what we would normally expect on six meter openings rather than ten. MUFs from these events just aren't getting very far into the VHF. Conventional F2 openings on ten have become very rare now.

Other propagation on the upper HF bands has been poor - the declining solar activity has taken a big toll here on the upper HF bands, with most band openings starting later in the morning than in the past, and ending earlier in the late afternoon - and signals not being particularly strong when the band is open. The only saving grace has been that our mid-day break has been shorter and weaker than at the solar maximum, so it's often possible to hear signals and even work them at midday on 20m, which has not been possible at higher sunspot numbers. MUF has gotten high enough to open 17m on most days, but often it doesn't quite make it to 15m. So when 15m is open, it's often the result of a weak sporadic E event or the aftermath of a coronal hole passage. During the last solar minimum, 15m would be open most days, but so far during this one, it's been hit and miss at best. And the solar minimum is just getting a good start.

30m has been the most reliable performer - almost always open into the States during the day and worldwide at night. Sadly, PSK activity seems to have declined on 30m, so I haven't worked as many stations with the ragchews I dearly love, just the spartan JT9 contacts. Sure wish we had phone privileges on that band.

40m has been seeing a huge increase in QSO activity with conditions on 20m declining. There are evenings now where finding an open spot can be a bit of a problem. Most of what I hear on phone here is the States, but I am seeing a lot of eastern European DX on PSK, and my good friend, Michael, TI7XP, has worked some pretty good DX on 40m CW in recent days, including Kuwait and several stations in the Far East, and a lot of VK/ZL. The DX here is definitely improving on 40m.

60m is still not available here, and all of us here are holding our breath, waiting for a response from the FCC on the League's petition for rulemaking, allowing 100w. activity up there on the new WARC 60m band. If it happens for the States, it would be terrific news for us - another piece of terrific ammunition in our fight to get access to 60m here. There are still no Central American countries that allow access to 60m yet. And I can't see a good reason why not - there is almost no local commercial or government activity in that portion of the spectrum here.

80m is seeing an improvement, especially in DX as the solar activity declines. My good friend in Panama, Jay, HP3AK, is working Japan on most morning greylines, and often getting quite good reports. VK/ZL is being worked more frequently, too - often several times per week. And nighttime Old World DX is more frequently heard now than it was just a year ago. Several of my local friends report working Europe with fairly modest 80m installations. Signal levels from the

States' 75m evening ragchews have been noticeably stronger than in the past, too. Nighttime D-layer hasn't responded as much to the rising cosmic ray flux as I would have expected by now.

Noise levels on 160m have been low enough this winter that some of the locals are getting more interested in top band. TI7XP has a new skywire loop up for that band, and has worked some good DX on it. But the summer noise season is just about here, and I don't expect the interest will last long.

And finally, I am pleased to report that I have copied four experimental beacons on 630m from the States, and have sent the corresponding WSPR decodes to the operators, who were delighted for the reports from here. Most nights, when noise levels aren't particularly high, I can hear at least one or two, with just a G5RV at 50 feet and an ordinary IC7200 tuned to the appropriate frequency. Enough success to demonstrate that QSOs with Central America from the States should be possible with modest stations on that band. Not much hope for 630m access here though, at least until it has become a major band in the States like it now is in Europe, so we can justify access to it here. I have checked the 2190 band, but so far, I haven't copied anything yet."

(QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 13 ARLP013, From Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA March 31, 2017, To all radio amateurs, via DXLD)

BIG SUNSPOT FACES EARTH --- Southgate April 1, 2017

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2017/april/big-sunspot-faces-earth.htm

2017 has been a year of few sunspots. That makes AR2645 even more remarkable.

In recent days, the young sunspot has grown rapidly into a behemoth more than 150,000 km wide with a magnetic field that harbors energy for M-class (moderately strong) solar flares.

Because it is directly facing Earth, any eruptions this weekend could partially ionize the top of our planet's atmosphere and alter the normal propagation of radio transmissions around the globe.

THE SUN WAKES UP --- Sunday, April 2, 2017 7:54 PM

Suddenly, solar flare activity is high. With little warning, sunspot AR2644 started exploding yesterday, producing an M4.4-class flare on April 1st followed by an even stronger M5-class flare on April 2nd.

UV radiation from the April 1st flare caused a brief shortwave radio blackout on the Pacific side of Earth: map. The April 2nd flare caused a similar blackout over the Indian Ocean. People who might have noticed these blackouts include ham radio operators and mariners using low-frequency rigs for communication at frequencies below 10 MHz.

The April 1st explosion also hurled a coronal mass ejection (CME) into space: image. The cloud is not heading directly for Earth, but a glancing blow is possible in the days ahead. NOAA analysts are evaluating this possibility now.

Note: The source of these flares, AR2644, is not the big sunspot discussed below. While forecasters focused their attention on the big sunspot facing Earth, a lesser sunspot near the sun's western limb exploded instead. Tricky sun.

More at: http://spaceweather.com/
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

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Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 27 March - 02 April 2017

Solar activity ranged from very low to high during the period due to multiple M-class flares from Region 2644 (N12, L=57, class/area, Fkc/450 on 02 April). The first was an M4/1f flare at 01/2148 UTC with an associated Type IV radio sweep. The second M-flare was an M5/2n at 02/0802 UTC with associated Type II (628 km/s) and Type IV radio sweeps. This was followed by an M2 flare at 02/1300 UTC with an associated weak Tenflare (110 sfu). A long duration M2/Sf flare was produced at 02/1838 UTC. Finally, the region produced an impulsive M5 flare at 02/2033 UTC with associated multi-frequency discrete radio emissions. No Earth-directed CMEs were observed during the period.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal to high levels on 27 March - 01 April and reached very high levels on 02 April. The largest flux of the period was 62,136 pfu

observed at 02/1525 UTC.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to G2 (Moderate) storm conditions under the influence of a recurrent, polar connected, negative polarity coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). The period began under a nominal solar wind environment before quickly becoming enhanced. Total field increased to a maximum of 19 nT at 27/0752 UTC while the Bz component deflected southward to -14 nT at 27/0827 UTC. Solar wind speeds started the period near 375 km/s and peaked to a maximum speed of 781 km/s at 28/0711 UTC. The geomagnetic field responded with G2 (Moderate) storm conditions on 27 March, G1 (Minor) levels on 28, 30-31 March, and quiet to active conditions on 29 March, 01-02 April.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 03 APRIL - 29 APRIL 2017

Solar activity is likely to be at moderate levels (R1-R2, Minor-Moderate) with a slight chance for X-class flares (R3-Strong or greater) on 03-04 April due to flare potential in Region 2644. On 05-07 Apr, activity levels will decrease to a chance for moderate (R1-R2, Minor-Moderate) flares with a slight chance for X-class flares (R3-Strong or greater) due to potential in Region 2645.

There is a slight chance for an S1 (Minor) solar radiation storm from 03-08 April due to the threat of significant flare activity from both Regions 2644 and 2645 (S10, L=18, class/area Ehc/600 on 02 April).

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels with high levels likely from 03-11, 18-28 April and very high levels likely on 29 April due to CH HSS influence.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at unsettled to active levels on 03-04, 17-19, and 23-29 April with G1 (Minor) storm levels likely on 17, 23-27 April and G2 (Moderate) storm levels likely on 23 April due to recurrent CH HSS effects. Quiet conditions are expected for the remainder of the period.

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Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2017-04-03

# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2017 Apr 03	105	8	3
2017 Apr 04	100	7	3
2017 Apr 05	97	6	2
2017 Apr 06	92	5	2
2017 Apr 07	85	5	2
2017 Apr 08	80	5	2
2017 Apr 09	75	5	2
2017 Apr 10	75	5	2
2017 Apr 11	78	5	2
2017 Apr 12	78	5	2
2017 Apr 13	75	5	2
2017 Apr 14	75	5	2
2017 Apr 15	78	5	2
2017 Apr 16	78	5	2
2017 Apr 17	85	20	5
2017 Apr 18	85	18	4
2017 Apr 19	85	10	3
2017 Apr 20	92	5	2
2017 Apr 21	92	5	2
2017 Apr 22	92	5	2
2017 Apr 23	92	55	6
2017 Apr 24	88	28	5
2017 Apr 25	88	20	5
2017 Apr 26	88	22	5
2017 Apr 27	88	28	5
2017 Apr 28	85	15	4
2017 Apr 29	85	10	3

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1872, DXLD)

GLENN`S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF APRIL 6, 2017

Keith, From IPS in Australia, the global HF propagation forecast thru April 8: normal at low and middle latitudes, normal to fair at high latitudes.

From Spaceweather South Africa thru April 8: magnetic conditions quiet to unsettled; shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF unstable

From Met Office UK thru April 9: a 20% chance of Moderate-class flares, April 8. Only a slight 10% chance of Minor geomagnetic storms.

From F K Janda in Prague: the Geomagnetic field will be:
quiet to active on April 7, 23, 25
mostly quiet on April 8, 11
quiet on April 9 - 10, 14 - 16, 20 - 22

quiet to unsettled April 12 - 13, 19
active to disturbed on April 17 - 18, 24

From SWPC in Boulder: Geomagnetic activity of G1 (Minor) storm levels likely on April 17 with A and K indices of 20 and 5; G2 moderate storms April 23 with A and K hitting 55 and 6, and still high afterwards thru April 27 up to 28 and 5. Lowest A`s and K`s of 5 and 2 on April 6-16 and 20-22. Solar flux dropping from 85 April 7 to 75, or 78, April 9 to 14; back up to 92 on April 20 to 23.

William Hepburn`s VHF UHF DX maps are at
http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo.html

They show extreme tropospheric ducting:
along the west coast of Mexico at least thru April 11
around the Canary Islands off west Africa all week
along the coasts of Angola and Namibia April 9 and 10
From Eritrea to India April 8 and 9; Oman to India from April 9
between India and Myanmar April 8 to 11
off northwestern Australia April 9 to 11 (via DXLD)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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SO, YOU WANNA HAVE A NEW ELECTION?

It would be wild and dangerous, but so are these times
The Closer with Keith Olbermann Released on 4/5/2017
http://video.gq.com/watch/the-closer-with-keith-olbermann-so-you-wanna-have-a-new-election
He covers all the Constitutional bases in this. It's well done.
(via Clara Listensprechen, DXLD)

TIPS FOR IRRATIONAL LIVING
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News about an Icom ham transceiver announced earlier today (4/1).
http://www.icom.co.jp/fb/170401/
OK, it's in Japanese but Google's English translation is entertaining.
It's probably the ultimate ultralight :)
(Bruce Portzer, WA, IRCA via DXLD)

Here's another new launch by ICOM:
http://icomuk.co.uk/News_Article/3508/19278/
Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD) ###